# PART 4 – DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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# **CHAPTER 1 – DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION**

Section 4-101 Purpose and Applicability.

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Section 4-101 Purpose and Applicability.

**A. Purpose.** Part 4 provides standards for *development density*, height, *setbacks*, *lot coverage*, *building* design, *parking*, *landscape*, access and circulation for pedestrians and vehicles, signs, lighting, and infrastructure. The intent of these regulations is to minimize land use conflicts, conserve and enhance design character and aesthetic values throughout the city; support crime prevention and safety including *accessibility* for *persons with disabilities*; and provide multi-modal transportation options for the general public.

B. Applicability. Unless otherwise noted, all uses and developments shall conform to Part 4, Development Standards. Additionally, except for density, an increase in the defined maximum standards and/or a decrease in the required minimum standards in Tables 4-202A, 4-202B, 4-202C, 4-203A, 4-203B, 4-204 may be allowed up to the percentages noted in designated tables subject to a use permit and are considered a development standard of Part 4 of this Code.

City code reference—See TCC §14A, Historic Preservation Ordinance.

#### Section 4-102 General Regulations and Approval Criteria.

- **A.** Commencement of Use or Development. A *development* shall not be constructed, or a use commenced, except after its applications or plans are approved by the city in conformance with this Code.
- B. Exceptions Variances to Part 4. Deviations from the standards set forth in part 4 require approval of a variance(s) under Section 6-310. Exceptions to a standard require approval of a variance under Section 6-310.
- C. Conformance to Approved Plans Required. Any expansion of building or use, or development of land, shall conform to plans approved under Part 6. When an approval under Part 6 is required, the city may not issue a site development permit, a building permit, electrical permit or a mechanical permit for the project until the approval has been granted.
- D. Completion or Bonding Prior to <a href="Certificate of OccupancyFinal Inspection-Permit">Certificate of OccupancyFinal Inspection-Permit</a>. Prior to issuance of an <a href="final inspection">final inspection</a>, notice of completion or a certificate of occupancy permit</a>, all required improvements shall be installed in accordance with plans approved by the Development Services Department. Alternatively, The Development Services Department may accept a cash deposit, bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in an amount guaranteeing the complete installation of the required <a href="improvement(s)landscape">improvement(s)landscape</a> and <a href="irrigation">irrigation</a> within six (6) months of notice of completion or certificate of occupancy. Failure to install the required <a href="improvement(s)landscape">improvement(s)landscape</a> and <a href="irrigation">irrigation</a> shall result in the forfeiture of the deposit, bond, or letter of credit, and be deemed a violation of this Code.

#### E. Maintenance.

- 1. The owner or owner's association, or the lessee of the site, as applicable, shall maintain the *development* and property in conformance with the plans approved by the city. Any deterioration shall be considered a violation of this Code and any applicable ordinances.
- 2. Any *landscape* feature required in this section that does not survive, function properly, or is in need of repair, shall be replaced within thirty (30) days of its demise or damage. The Development Services Manager may approve an extension when requested in writing, based on conflicts arising from construction activity, seasonal availability of materials, or a similar hardship.

- 3. Landscape features, lighting, walls, screening devices or other features installed in conformance with Part 4 of this Code shall not be modified or removed without prior approval by the Development Services Manager. The removal or destruction of such features without prior approval by the Development Services Manager shall constitute a violation of this Code. In such case, the owner shall be required to replace said feature(s) with those of like size and quality, or alternate material may be approved by the Development Services Manager.
- 4. Improvements required under Part 4 of this Code shall be reasonably maintained.
- 5. Plant material and trees shall be pruned to promote a healthy growth pattern, natural characteristic form, and <u>maximize</u> shade.

#### (Clarifies intent of this section.)

6. The lack of *maintenance* shall constitute a violation of this Code, penalties for which are provided in Section 1-201.

# Section 4-103 Reference to Other Design Guidelines and Standards.

- **A. Overlay Districts.** The *overlay district* design and development standards contained in Part 5 are also applicable within *overlay districts*. When conflicts occur between the standards in Part 5 and Part 4, the standards in Part 5 shall apply.
- **B. Design Guidelines.** The Appendix contains design guidelines that supplement the standards under Chapter 4, Building Design; Chapter 5, Access and Circulation; Chapter 6, Parking; Chapter 7, Landscape and Walls; and Chapter 8, Lighting. The guidelines are intended to be flexible and encourage creativity in design. Where conflicts exist between the guidelines and specific Code standards, the Code standards shall take precedence over the guidelines; the Development Services Manager has the authority to make interpretations to resolve such conflicts.

# **CHAPTER 2 – GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Section 4-201 Purpose and Applicability.

Section 4-202 Development Standards for Residential Districts.

Section 4-203 Development Standards for Commercial and Mixed-Use

Districts.

Section 4-204 Development Standards for Office/Industrial Districts.

Section 4-205 Exceptions.

Section 4-201 Purpose and Applicability.

This chapter provides general standards for *development density*, *building height*, *lot coverage*, *setbacks* and clear vision areas for all of the base zoning districts. General development standards for Tempe's *overlay districts* are provided in Part 5.

# Section 4-202 Development Standards for Residential Districts.

Tables 4-202A, 4-202B, and 4-202C, respectively, provide the development standards for Tempe's single-family residential and agricultural districts, multi-family residential districts, and *mobile home* districts.

Table 4-202A - Districts(1)	- Devel	opmen	t Stanc	lards i	n Agri	cultur	al and	Single-Fan	nily	
Standard	AG	R1-15	R1-10	R1-8	R1-7	R1-6	R1-5	R1-4	R1- PAD <u>(e)</u>	Use Permit Standard
Density (DU/Acre)	1	2.40	2.80	3.35	3.75	4	6	8	NS	<u>NA</u>
Minimum Net Site Area (square feet) per Dwelling	43,560 sf	15,000 sf	10,000 sf	8,000 sf	7,000 sf	6,000 sf	5,000 sf	4,000 sf except 3,000 sf for common wall	NS	<u>NA</u>
Minimum Lot Width (feet)	115 ft	115 ft	90 ft	80 ft	70 ft	60 ft	NS	NS	NS	<u>10%</u>
Minimum Lot Length (feet)	150 ft	120 ft	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft	NS	NS	NS	<u>10%</u>
Maximum Height (feet)	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	35 ft	NS	<u>10%</u>
Maximum Lot Coverage (% of net site area)	25%	45%	45%	45%	45%	45%	NS	NS	NS	<u>10%</u>
Setback (feet) (c): [See Setback Exceptions, Section 4-205B]										
Front - Building	40 ft	35 ft	30 ft	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft	15 ft except 20 ft for garage	NS	20%
Front - <u>Open</u> <u>Structures</u> (e.g. porch, <u>trellis, patio</u> <u>wall)</u> Perch	35 ft	30 ft	25 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	10 ft	NS	<u>20%</u>
Side	20 ft	15 ft	10 ft	7 ft	7 ft	5 ft <u>(d)</u>	5 ft <u>(d)</u>	5 ft (a) <u>(d)</u>	NS	<u>20%</u>
Rear	35 ft	30 ft	25 ft	20 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	NS	<u>20%</u>
Street Side (b)	25 ft	20 ft	15 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	NS	<u>20%</u>

NS\_= No Standard. NA = Not Applicable.

- (1) An *overlay district* may modify the above standards. See Part 5.
- (a) 0 feet for common wall.
- (b) Street side yard setback for corner lots adjacent to key lots shall be increased by 10 additional feet.
- (c) See also, Section 3-401 for setbacks applying to accessory structures and buildings.
- (d) Use Permit standard does not apply.
- (e) Requires PAD Overlay with initial zoning.

Standard	R-2	R-3R	R-3	R-4	R-5	Use Permit Standar
Density (DU/acre)	10	15	20	25	30	<u>NA</u>
Minimum Site-Lot Area/per Dwelling Unit (square feet)	3,600 sf	2,900 sf	2,180 sf	1,740 sf	1,450 sf	<u>NA</u>
Building Height						
Building Height Maximum (feet)	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	40 ft	50 ft	<u>10%</u>
Building Height Step-Back Required Adjacent to R4_SF or MF District, [Section 4-404, Building Height Step-Back] (refer to sec. 4-404 for comments)	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	<u>NA</u>
Maximum Lot Coverage (% of net site area)	45%	45%	50%	60%	70%	<u>10%</u>
Minimum Landscape Area (% of net site area)	30%	30%	25%	25%	25%	<u>10%</u>
Setbacks (feet) (b): See Setback Exceptions, Section 4-205B] Front						
Building Open Structures (e.g. porch, trellis, patio wall) Side	20 ft 15 ft	20 ft 15 ft	20 ft 15 ft	20 ft 15 ft	20 ft 15 ft	20% 20%
Building Walls Porch, Balcony, Patio Wall Common Walls	10 ft 5 ft <u>(c)</u> 0 ft	10 ft 5 ft <u>(c)</u> 0 ft	10ft 5 ft <u>(c)</u> 0 ft	10 ft 5 ft <u>(c)</u> 0 ft	10 ft 5 ft <u>(c)</u> 0 ft	20% 20%
Rear Building Wall, Porch, Balcony, or Patio Wall Common Walls	15 ft 0 ft	15 ft 0 ft	15 ft 0 ft	10 ft 0 ft	10 ft 0 ft	<u>20%</u>
Street Side (a) Parking	10 ft 20 ft	10 ft 20 ft	10 ft 20 ft	10 ft 20 ft	10 ft 20 ft	20% 20%

NS = No Standard. NA = Not Applicable.

(1) An overlay district may modify the above standards. See Part 5.

(a) Street side yard setback for corner lots adjacent to key lots shall be increased by 10 additional feet.

(b) See also, Section 3-401 for setbacks applying to accessory structures and buildings.

<sup>(</sup>c) Use Permit standard does not apply.

Standard	RMH	MHS	TP	Use Permit Standard
Density (DU/Acre)	7	5.5	14	<u>NA</u>
Minimum Net Lot Area (square feet)	Rental Space 3,500 sf	Subdivision Lot 6,000 sf	Rental Space 1,500 sf	<u>NA</u>
Minimum Common Recreation Area per Dwelling (square feet)	400 sf	NS	100 sf	<u>10%</u>
Minimum Space/Lot Width (feet)	50 ft	60 ft	30 ft	<u>10%</u>
Minimum Space/Lot Length (feet)	70 ft	100 ft	55 ft	<u>10%</u>
Maximum Height (feet)	30 ft	15 ft	30 ft	<u>10%</u>
Maximum Lot Coverage per Rental Space or MHS Lot (b)	60%	50%	60%	<u>10%</u>
Minimum Yard Setback (feet)				
Front (a)	5 ft <u>(c)</u>	25 ft	10 ft	<u>20%</u>
Side (a)	5 ft <u>(c)</u>	7 ft	5 ft <u>(c)</u>	<u>20%</u>
Rear (a)	5 ft <u>(c)</u>	15 ft	5 ft <u>(c)</u>	<u>20%</u>
Street Side (a)	20 ft	10 ft	20 ft	<u>20%</u>

#### NS\_= No Standard. NA = Not Applicable.

- (1) An overlay district may modify the above standards. See Part 5.
   (a) The minimum yard setback in the above chart means the minimum distance of any portion of the mobile structure and accessory structures from the rental lot lines or individual property lines. See also, Section 3-401, setbacks for accessory structures and buildings.
- For the purposes of these districts, maximum lot coverage shall include all carports, patio covers and accessory buildings, and similar structures.
- Use Permit Standard does not apply.

#### **Development Standards for Commercial and Mixed-Use Districts.** Section 4-203

Tables 4-203A and 4-203B, respectively, provide the development standards for commercial districts and mixed-use districts.

Standard	R/O	CSS (2)	CC	PCC-1	PCC-2	RCC_(3)	Use Permit Standard
Residential Density (DU/acre) (Establishes a density for CSS and the density changes for PCC-1 and 2 reflect the densities shown on the General Plan 2030 density map.)	10	<del>0</del> 20 (U)	NS	<del>20</del> - <u>15</u> (U)	25 (U)	0	<u>NA</u>
Building Height							
Building Height Maximum (The height for the CC (50) should be a more appropriate height in the downtown and would allow up to a 4 story building, similar to historic heights.) (The height for the CSS would be consistent with existing standards.) Building Height Step-Back Required Adjacent to SF or	30 ft	<del>30</del> 35 ft	<del>65-</del> <u>50</u> ft	35 ft	40 ft	75 ft	<u>20%</u>
MFR4 District, [Section 4-404, Building Height Step-Back] (refer to sec. 4-404 for comments)	No	No	<del>No</del> Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>NA</u>
Maximum Lot Coverage (% of net site area)	35%	50%	NS	50%	50%	50%	20%
Minimum Landscape Area (% of net site area)	30%	15%	NS	15%	15%	15%	<u>10%</u>
Setbacks (a) [See also, Setback Exceptions, 4-205]							
Front	15 ft	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft	25 ft	<u>10%</u>
Side Building Wall Common Wall	10 ft 10 ft	0 ft 0 ft	0 ft 0 ft	30 ft 0 ft	30 ft 0 ft	25 ft 25 ft	<u>10%</u> <u>10%</u>
Rear – Building Wall	10 ft	10 ft	0 ft	30 ft	30 ft	25 ft	<u>10%</u>
Street Side Parking	10 ft 20 ft	0 ft 20 ft	0 ft 20 ft	0 ft 20 ft	0 ft 20 ft	25 ft 20 ft	<u>10%</u> 10%

NS = No Standard. NA = Not Applicable. (U) = Denotes *use permit* requirement in those districts. (1) An *overlay district* may modify the above standards. See Part 5.

<sup>(2)</sup> CSS district formerly known as CCR, C-1 and C-2 districts.

Requires PAD Overlay with initial zoning.

<sup>(</sup>a) See also, Section 3-401 for *setbacks* applying to *accessory structures* and *buildings*.

Table 4-203B – Development Standards in Mixed-Use Districts (1)							
Standard	MU-1	MU-2	MU-3	MU-4 (2)	Use Permit Standard		
Residential Density (DU/acre)	10	<del>20</del> 15	<del>30</del> 25	NS	<u>NA</u>		
Building Height (feet)							
Building Height Maximum	35 ft	40 ft	50 ft	NS	<u>20%</u>		
Building Height Step-Back Required Adjacent to R4 SF or MF District [Section 4-404, Building Height Step-Back] (refer to sec. 4-404 for comments)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<u>NA</u>		
Maximum Lot Coverage (% of net site area)	<del>50%</del> NS	60%NS	<del>70%</del> NS	NS	<u>NA</u>		
Minimum Landscape Area (% of net site area)	NS	NS	NS	NS	<u>NA</u>		
Setbacks (feet) (a) [See Setback Exceptions, Section 4-205B] (These changes will retain the current flexibility that is in Ord. 808. The standards for these zoning districts will be established through the public hearing process for the zoning and PAD overlay.)							
Front – Building Wall	0-ft <u>NS</u>	0-ft <u>NS</u>	0-ft <u>NS</u>	0-ft <u>NS</u>	<u>NA</u>		
Side – Building Wall	<del>5 ft</del> NS	5-ft <u>NS</u>	5-ft <u>NS</u>	5-ft <u>NS</u>	<u>NA</u>		
Street Side	<del>0 f</del> t <u>NS</u>	0-ft <u>NS</u>	0-ft <u>NS</u>	0-ft <u>NS</u>	<u>NA</u>		
Rear	<del>10 ft</del> NS	<del>10 ft</del> NS	<del>10 ft</del> NS	<del>10 ft</del> NS	<u>NA</u>		

NS= No Standard. NA = Not Applicable.
(1) An overlay district may modify the a See Part 5. Requires PAD Overlay with initial zoning.

 <sup>(2)</sup> MU-4 district formerly known as MG district.
 (a) See also, Section 3-401 for setbacks applying to accessory structures and buildings.

# Section 4-204 Development Standards for Office/Industrial Districts.

Tables 4-204 provides the development standards for Tempe's office/industrial districts.

Oft es	35 ft Yes	40 ft Yes	10%  NA
es	Yes	Yes	<u>NA</u>
0%	NS	NG	100/
		110	<u>10%</u>
0%	10%	10%	<u>NA</u>
O ft	25 ft	25 ft	<u>25%</u>
O ft	0 ft	0	<u>NA</u>
O ft	0 ft	0	<u>NA</u>
	25 ft	25 ft	<u>20%</u> 10%
	0 ft 0 ft 0 ft 0 ft	Oft Oft Oft Oft Oft 25 ft	0 ft

### NS\_= No Standard. NA = Not Applicable.

- (1) An *overlay district* may modify the above standards. See Part 5.
- (2) OBD district formerly known as IBD district.
- (3) LID district formerly known as I-1 and I-2 districts.
- (4) HID district formerly known as I-3 district.
- (a) See also, Section 3-401 for setbacks applying to accessory structures and buildings.

#### Section 4-205 Exceptions.

- **A. Increased Height.** The following *structures* may extend above the maximum *building heights* provided in Sections 4-202 through 4-204:
  - 1. Spires, crosses, belfries, cupolas, clock towers, or similar architectural features, attached to a *building* or free-standing, shall be no taller than twice the height of the tallest *building* on site, as measured from the curb elevation.
  - Penthouses or roof structures for the use of elevators, stairs, tanks, ventilation, or similar equipment required to ventilate the building, as well as fire or parapet walls, skylights, towers, chimneys, and necessary mechanical appurtenances, may be built above the height limits herein prescribed, but in no case shall structures above the permitted height limit be constructed for the purpose of providing additional floor space. See also, Section 4-405, Mechanical Equipment.
  - 3. A flagpole may extend no more than thirty-five (35) feet maximum height whether ground mounted or mounted on *buildings*. The height shall be measured from <u>finish grade\_at the\_adjacent to the</u> base of the pole<u>or finish floor for building mounted poles, or *building* as applicable.</u>
- **B. Setbacks.** The following architectural features are allowed to encroach into the *setback yards*:
  - 1. Eaves, chimneys, bay windows, overhangs and similar architectural features, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, may encroach into *setbacks*, provided that applicable building codes are met.
  - 2. An accessory *structure* may encroach into the standard rear and side *yard setback*, provided that required separation requirements for fire protection are provided through applicable building codes and the standards contained in Section 3-401 are met.

# **CHAPTER 3 – PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

Section 4-301 Purpose and Applicability.

Section 4-302 General Requirements for Public Improvements.

Section 4-303 Transportation Improvements.

Section 4-304 Sanitary Sewer, Storm Drainage and Water System

Improvements.

Section 4-305 Private Utilities Coordination.

# Section 4-301 Purpose and Applicability.

- **A. Purpose.** The purpose of Chapter 3 is to ensure the timely provision of adequate infrastructure, and promote orderly and efficient growth consistent with the Tempe General Plan.
- **B.** Applicability. This Code provides general requirements for transportation, sanitary sewer, water, and storm drainage system improvements. Conformance with the City of Tempe Public Works Department Standard Details and related standards is also required of new development projects.

#### Section 4-302 General Requirements for Public Improvements.

A. Conformance With Public Facility Standards. Development plans, when required to establish a new-use or development, shall conform to the general standards contained in this section, prior to the city granting land use or development approval. Public improvement design and construction, including sanitary sewer, water, storm drainage facilities, transportation facilities including pedestrian and bicycle pathways, street lights, public parks, or other improvements shall not be undertaken except after the appropriate plans have been approved by the city, permit fees paid, and permit issued. The design standards are described in the City of Tempe Public Works Department Standard Details. Construction standards are the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) standards with City of Tempe supplements. Clarifies additional improvements.

- **B. Impact Analysis.** The city or other agency with jurisdiction may require an impact analysis prepared by a qualified engineer to determine sanitary sewer system, water system, storm drainage system, traffic, access, circulation and other public facility mitigation requirements.
- Conditions of Approval. The city may conditionally approve a land use or development application to ensure that the proposed development complies with applicable standards. Public facility improvements required as a condition of approval (i.e., when not otherwise proposed by the applicant), shall be roughly proportional to the impact of development and follow the Public Improvements (Exactions) Policy contained in the City of Tempe Public Works Department Standard Details.
- **D.** Construction Plan Review and Permitting. Public facility improvements (i.e., improvements to be dedicated to the City of Tempe) shall require a construction permit subject to review and approval by the City Engineer prior to commencing work.

#### Section 4-303 Transportation Improvements.

**A. Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to ensure that <a href="mailto:new\_all\_developments">new\_all\_developments</a> and redevelopment projects provide for a safe, attractive and functional transportation system that is <a href="mailto:accessible">accessible</a> and accommodates all modes of transportation (automobiles, <a href="walkingpedestrian">walkingpedestrian</a>, bicycling, and transit) in conformance with the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

#### (Clarifies intent)

- **B. Street Access.** All *developments* shall have approved access to a *public street*, in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Access and Circulation.
- C. Street Layout and Design. The layout and design of *streets* and *alleys* shall conform to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, the design standards and cross-sections contained in the City of Tempe Public Works Standard Details and the City of Tempe Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design Guidelines.
- **D. Dedications.** Required dedications shall conform to the following half-*street* dimensions:
  - 1. Public Streets.
    - a. Arterial *streets* fifty-five (55) feet;
    - b. Mid-section line, industrial and commercial collectors thirty-three (33) feet;
    - c. Residential collectors and local multi-family, commercial and industrial *streets* thirty (30) feet; and/or
    - d. Local residential *streets* twenty-five (25) feet.
  - 2. Private Streets. Minimum twelve and one half (12 ½) feet.

- **E. Connectivity.** To promote efficient circulation, *accessibility*, and neighborhood traffic calming, the design of new *streets* and *street* connections shall conform to the following maximum *block* length standards:
  - 1. Commercial and Mixed-Use Districts: Six hundred (600) feet.
  - 2. Residential Districts: One thousand two hundred (1,200) feet.
  - 3. Office/industrial Districts: One thousand two hundred (1,200) feet.

The maximum *block* length may be increased by the Development Services Manager if the site conditions, or, the proposed *development* and use of the site make a shorter *block* length impracticable, and that other provisions are made for pedestrian and bicycle circulation. Appropriate provisions shall include, but are not limited to a safe, direct, and ADA *accessible* pedestrian access way being provided through the site, in conformance with the standards in Chapter 5, Access and Circulation.

F. Neighborhood Accessibility and Traffic Calming. Proposed streets, street extensions, driveways, and pedestrian access ways shall be designed and located to slow traffic on local streets between residential neighborhoods and existing or planned commercial services and amenities, such as schools, shopping areas, parks, and transit facilities. Traffic calming features may also be required for the circulation systems and street access points of larger developments. Traffic calming measures, such as curb extensions, traffic circles, roundabouts, and special paving at intersections, shall conform to the City of Tempe Public Works Standard Details, Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design Guidelines, and emergency service provider requirements. Streets, driveways and pedestrian access ways also conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

#### G. Transit Facilities.

- 1. Bus pull-outs, shelter pads, shelters, and related right-of-way and easements may be required when a *development* is adjacent to an existing or planned bus stop or transit station. These facilities shall be integrated into the overall pedestrian plan of a project, and designed consistent with the City of Tempe Public Works Standard Details and Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design Guidelines.
- 2. Pedestrian <u>pathwalk</u>ways shall be designed to provide a direct connection between the main *building* entrance and public sidewalks and transit stops. Landscape plans shall be designed to provide shading of the pedestrian <u>pathwalk</u>ways and transit stops, where applicable.
- 3. Bus stop locations shall be subject to review and approval by the Public Works Manager.
- 4. Furniture installed at bus stops shall be located to provide an *accessible* route between components and any switch boxes, mailboxes, utility boxes and similar features.
- 5. All bus stops shall meet or exceed current ADA requirements for transit.

- 6. Bus pullout areas shall be subject to review and approval by the Public Works Manager.
- H. Street Lights. Street lights shall be installed concurrent with other city infrastructure requirements prior to occupancy, and conform to the City of Tempe Public Works Standard Details and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Guidelines contained in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Street lights in areas with overlay districts or redevelopment plans shall conform to any applicable guidelines (e.g., pedestrian lighting). Street light standards for private streets shall be determined through the design review or Planned Area Development (PAD) process, as applicable Development Plan Review.
- Street Stubs. Streets shall be extended to the boundary lines of the parcel or tract to be developed when the decision-making body determines that the extension is necessary to give street access to future development on an adjoining parcel. These street stubs are not considered to be cul-de-sacs. The city may require the developer to provide a temporary barricade, and/or turnaround for street stubs over one hundred fifty (150) feet in length.
- **J. Grades and Curves.** *Street grades* and curves shall conform to the City of Tempe Public Works Standard Details.
- K. ADA Accessibility. Standards for the design of curbs, curb cuts, driveway approaches, ramps, gutters, sidewalks, and paving shall provide ADA accessibility and conform to the City of Tempe Public Works Standard Details, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design Guidelines.
- L. Private Streets. PAD Plat approval is required to develop private streets. Access control gates shall conform to police, transportation, fire, and refuse access standards and provide emergency access override switches acceptable to the Fire Marshal. Private streets are required to meet the same construction standards as public streets, and lighting levels shall conform to city standards. The developer must provide a warranty on private roads.
- **M. Street Names.** No *street* name shall be used which duplicates or could be confused with an existing *street* name in the City of Tempe or adjacent city. *Street* names, *signs*, and address numbers shall conform to the established pattern in the surrounding area, and be subject to review and approval by the City of Tempe Engineering Division.

# Section 4-304 Sanitary Sewer, Storm Drainage, and Water System Improvements.

**A.** Adequate Public Facilities. Adequate sanitary sewer, storm drainage, and water system facilities, including required fire flow, shall be provided by the developer concurrent with *development* and redevelopment projects, in conformance with the City of Tempe Water Facility Master Plan, Storm Drainage Master Plan, and Sanitary Sewer Master Plan.

- **B. Design.** The design of sanitary sewer, storm drainage, and water system facilities shall conform to the City of Tempe Public Works Department Standard Details and shall be subject to review and approval by the City Engineer prior to construction. A grading or drainage plan submittal to the engineering division is required prior to *development* approval. Storm water retention facilities shall additionally conform to the *landscape* standards in Section 4-702, General Landscape Standards.
- **C. Underground Facilities.** All sanitary sewer and water system facilities shall be located underground, with the exception of some valves, mechanical and electrical devices and similar devices, which must be located above ground. Storm water retention facilities are permitted on the surface of the land.
- **D. Storm Water Retention Required**. Storm water retention is an integral component of the city's storm water management program. Due to limitations of discharge outlets, onsite retention is a high priority element for a successful program to minimize flooding and related property damage. *Development* is required to provide retention of the one hundred (100) year, one (1) hour storm on property outside of public rights-of-way. See also, City of Tempe Public Works Department Standard Details.

#### Section 4-305 Private Utilities Coordination.

When a *development*, addition or change in use requires new or expanded utility *services* (e.g., telephone, natural gas, cable television, internet, electricity, etc.), the developer/builder is required to contact the appropriate utility companies and coordinate underground installation of the utilities. The city will not participate in the cost of constructing or relocating utilities for private *development*. The developer/builder is also responsible for contacting Arizona Department of Water Resources for projects involving wells or ground water withdrawal. The city may require the relocation of existing utilities that are above ground to be underground.

# **CHAPTER 4 – BUILDING DESIGN**

- Section 4-401 Purpose and Applicability.
- Section 4-402 Public Safety Radio Amplification System.
- Section 4-403 Building Identification.
- Section 4-404 Building Height Step-Back.
- Section 4-405 Mechanical Equipment.
- Section 4-406 Employee Service Entrances and Exits.
- Section 4-407 Art in Private Development.

#### Section 4-401 Purpose and Applicability.

- **A. Purpose.** The purpose of Chapter 4 is to ensure that *buildings* are designed with:
  - 1. Aesthetic values that are contextually appropriate;
  - 2. Compatible relationships with their surroundings;
  - 3. Defensible space and crime prevention features;
  - 4. Accessibility to pedestrians and those with disabilities; and
  - Proper addressing.
- **B.** Applicability. The standards in Chapter 4 apply to all *buildings*, except single—family (detached) *dwellings* and unmanned utility *buildings*.

# Section 4-402 Public Safety Radio Amplification System.

- A. Public safety radio amplification systems shall be provided in the following *buildings*:
  - 1. New *buildings* greater than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet;
  - 2. Existing *buildings* over fifty thousand (50,000) square feet when modifications, *alterations* or repairs exceed fifty percent (50%) of the value of the existing *building(s)* and are made within any twelve (12) month period or the usable floor area is expanded or enlarged by more than fifty percent (50%); and

3. All basements where the occupant load is greater than fifty (50) regardless of the occupancy, and/or sub-level *parking structures* over ten thousand (10,000) square feet. See Tempe City Code Chapter 9, Article II, Sections 9-21 through 9-32.

# Section 4-403 Building Identification.

Buildings are required to have a site address, as assigned by the city. Building identification signs and site addresses shall conform to the standards in Section 4-9023 A. General Sign Standards Permitted Signs. (Clarifies section reference)

#### Section 4-404 Building Height Step-Back.

When a district other than single-family is <u>immediately</u> adjacent <u>or separated by an alley</u> to a single-family <u>or multi-family</u> residential district, <u>(except when such single-family or multi-family districts are used for a public park)</u> building facades are required to step-back, one (1) additional foot <u>setback</u> for each one (1) foot additional <u>building height</u> over thirty (30) feet. Step-back requirements begin at a height of thirty (30) feet. The <u>building</u> facades shall step-back as generally illustrated in Figure 4-404, below:

1' Additional Setback for Each 1'
Additional Building Height

Building Step-Back Begins
at 30' Height

Required Building Setback

Section 4-405 Mechanical Equipment.

- A. All *roof* mounted *mechanical equipment* shall be fully concealed on all sides by elements that are an integral part of the *building* design and are equal to or greater in height than the *mechanical equipment*. Ground-mounted equipment may be screened using a masonry wall or other durable material as approved through development plan review.
- B. *Mechanical equipment* (e.g., satellite dish, cooling tower, or similar features) that cannot be <u>fully screenedconcealed</u> due to their unique functional requirements, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, shall be made visually subordinate with architectural features that blend with the design of the *main building* and meet building code standards, as approved through development plan review.

(Provides consistent requirements for screening both roof mounted and ground mounted equipment, (A and B above))

#### Section 4-406 Employee Service Entrances and Exits.

Employee service exit and entrance doors shall be equipped with a security vision panel. A vision panel is a minimum six (6) inch by six (6) inch Lexan© ("registered trademark") or laminated glass window center mounted on a door, and located sixty-three (63) inches from the center of the glazing to the bottom edge of the door. Wire glass vision panel is acceptable when required by applicable codes. This section applies only to new *buildings* designed for commercial or institutional uses, and does not apply to exterior doors installed to provide access to *building* utilities only. The Development Services Manager may approve other types of vision panels providing equal security.

(Clarifies a trademark issue)

# Section 4-407 Art in Private Development.

Developers—The property owner(s) of any projects that contains more than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet gross\_net\_floor area of commercial or office use within any zoning district, or a phase of a larger project approved after February 24, 1990 that contains a total of more than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet gross\_net\_floor area of commercial or office use within any zoning district, shall contribute to Art In Private Development. The art contribution shall take the form of either on-site installation of exterior artwork or an equivalent cash donation to the Tempe municipal arts fund. All art contributions shall conform to the City of Tempe Art In Private Development Guidelines adopted by the City Council (See Appendix D).

# **CHAPTER 5 – ACCESS AND CIRCULATION**

Section 4-501 Purpose and Applicability.

Section 4-502 Motor Vehicle Access and Circulation Standards.

Section 4-503 Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Circulation Standards.

# Section 4-501 Purpose and Applicability.

- **A. Purpose.** The purpose of Chapter 5 is to implement the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and ensure that *developments* provide safe and efficient access and circulation for pedestrians (including ADA and transit *accessibility*), *motorized vehicles*, and bicycles.
- **B.** Applicability. Section 4-502 provides standards for vehicular access and circulation. Section 4-503 provides standards for pedestrian and bicycle access and circulation. These standards are intended to be used in conjunction with the standards for *buildings*, *landscapes*, and *streets*, as provided in other chapters of this Code.

#### Section 4-502 Motor Vehicle Access and Circulation Standards.

- A. Purpose. This section provides for vehicle ingress and egress, internal circulation, and transportation demand management options within *developments*. Vehicular access and circulation must be properly designed so that city's *street* system will be able to accommodate traffic at an acceptable level of *service*. Thus, this section is intended to balance the right of reasonable access to private property with safe and efficient travel. *Streets* have been categorized in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan by function, and classified for access purposes based upon their level of importance and function. Regulations have been applied to these roadways for the purpose of mitigating traffic demand and reducing traffic accidents, personal injury, and property damage attributable to access systems, and to thereby improve the safety and operation of the *street* network. These regulations further the orderly use of land, protect community character, provide universal pedestrian and bicycle access, and conserve natural resources by promoting well-designed road and access systems.
- **B. City Approval of Access Required**. Access to a *public street* requires approval by the Public Works Manager based on the standards contained in this Code and the City of Tempe Public Works Standard Details.
- **C. Traffic Impact Analysis.** The city may require a traffic impact analysis prepared by a registered engineer to determine access, circulation, transportation demand management, and other reasonable transportation system mitigation requirements in reviewing a land use or *development* application. This analysis shall generally conform to the city's Policy for Traffic Impact Studies (Transportation Division), as amended.

- **D.** Access Location Options. One (1) or more of the following access locations shall be required by the city, consistent with the city's access spacing standards (Section 4-502G) and based on land use or development review (list is prioritized):
  - 1. Access through adjacent property when cross-access easement is provided;
  - 2. Access from arterial street in conformance with access spacing standards;
  - 3. Access through *alleys* is permitted subject to the provisions under 4-502E;
  - 2.4. Access through existing or proposed side *street*, if a *corner lot* or double frontage *lot*:
  - 3.5. Access from frontage *street* (parallel to arterial or freeway);
  - 2. Access from arterial street in conformance with access spacing standards;
  - 5.Access through alleys is permitted subject to the provisions under 4-502E; and
  - 6.6. Site specific combination of above options.

#### E. Number of Access Points.

- 1. For single-family and two (2) family (duplexes) residential uses, one (1) street access point is permitted per every fifty (50) feet of street frontage. There is no restriction on the number of access points to alleys.
- For multi-family, commercial, industrial, public facility, and institutional developments, the number of street access points shall be minimized to protect the function, safety and operation of the street system. Shared access may be required in new developments.

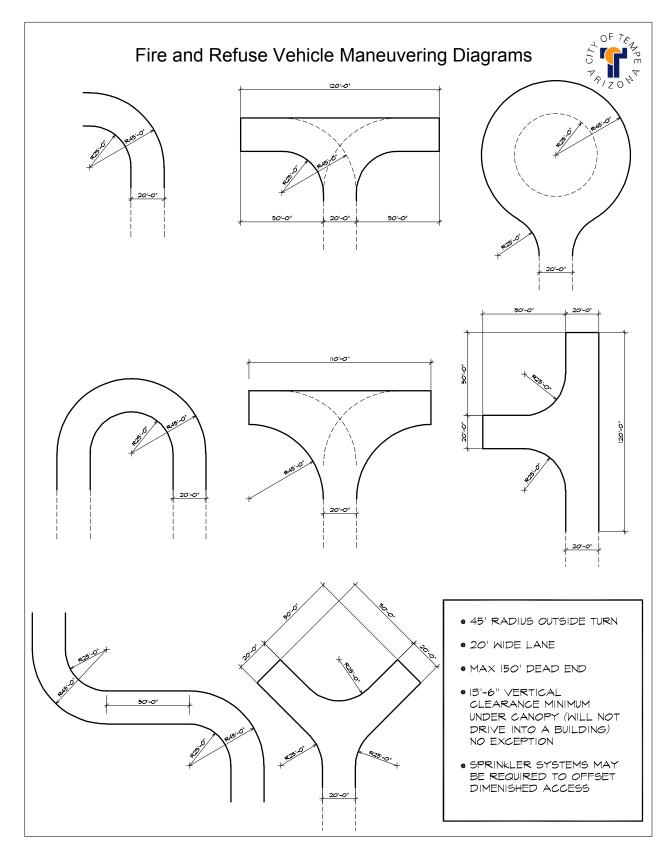
#### **E.F.** Access – Ingress and Egress.

- 1. All *parking* areas shall be designed so as to provide ingress and egress from a *public street* by forward motion of the vehicle. Single-family *developments*, or multi-family *developments* with eight (8) or fewer *dwelling* units, when located on a local residential *street*, are exempt from this requirement;
- 2. Using an *alley* for access to a non-single *family* use *parking* area opposite any single-family (R1) zoning district is permitted only when part of an approved *use permit*. If a *use permit* is granted, then the *alley* must be <u>a paved surface</u> based on the City of Tempe Public Works Department Standard Details and standard details or alternate materials as approved by Public Works;
- 3. All off-street parking areas shall have access to a public street by means of a paved driveway that extends twenty (20) feet from the public street right-of-way to the parking area. All parking areas shall be setback from the public street right-of-way by a minimum of twenty (20) feet; and
- 4. Where an entry gate or guardhouse controls vehicle access or egress, a stacking lane shall be provided as recommended by the Public Works Manager or his or her designee. The stacking lane shall not interfere with maneuvering, traffic flow of aisles, *streets*, bike paths, *parking* spaces, and sidewalks.

# **G. F.** Access and Maneuvering for Fire and Refuse Trucks.

- 1. Parking lots shall have the necessary dimensions for the on-site maneuvering of refuse vehicles and fire trucks, as determined by the Public Works Manager. A minimum twenty (20) fooet wide, unobstructed driveway, lane, or other access way and turn-around may be required for this purpose. If off-site maneuvering is necessary, a permanent, recorded cross-access easement must be filed with the Public Works Manager prior to issuance of a building permit.
- 2. A fire equipment access lane shall be provided for any portion of an exterior wall of the first story of a *building* that is located more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from an existing *public street* or approved fire equipment access drive.

Figure 4-502 GF. Fire and Refuse Vehicle Maneuvering Diagrams



- **G. Access Spacing.** Driveway accesses shall be separated from other driveways and *street intersections* in accordance with the following standards and procedures:
  - 1. Local *Streets*. Driveways on local *streets* shall be separated from *alleys* by a minimum of twenty (20) feet, as measured from the edges of driveway apron/*alley*. Driveways shall be separated from adjacent local *street intersections* by a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the point of *intersection* based on *property lines*.
  - 2. Arterial and Collector *Streets*. Access spacing on collector and arterial *streets* shall be determined based on the policies and standards in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. However, driveway curb cuts shall not be located within one hundred (100) feet of the point of *intersection* of *property lines* at arterial or arterial/collector *street intersections*.
  - 3. Access Management. Access management controls, such as shared access, and/or access separation greater than that specified by subsections 1 & 2 above, may be required by the city for the purpose of protecting the function, safety and operation of the *street* system in conformance with the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Where no other reasonable access alternative exists, the city may allow construction of an access connection along the *property line* farthest from an *intersection*. In such cases, directional connections (i.e., right in/out, right in only, or right out only) may be required.

**General Plan Reference --** See Comprehensive Transportation Plan provisions.

#### **E.Number of Access Points.**

1.For single-family and two (2) family (duplexes) residential uses, one (1) street access point is permitted per every fifty (50) feet of street frontage. There is no restriction on the number of access points to alleys.

2.For multi-family, commercial, industrial, public facility, and institutional developments, the number of street access points shall be minimized to protect the function, safety and operation of the street system. Shared access may be required in new developments.

H. J. Vertical Clearances. Driveways, private streets, aisles and turn-around areas, when required for fire and refuse access, shall have a minimum vertical clearance of thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches for their entire length and width.

(Clarifies that driveways for single family homes are not subject to vertical clearance standards.)

- Vision Clearance. Driveways, *private streets*, aisles, turn-around areas, *parking structure* entrances, and ramps shall conform to the vision—clearance vision requirementsstandards in Section 4-702G.
- **KJ. Driveways.** Driveways shall be the minimum width necessary to provide the required number of vehicle travel lanes and to promote traffic calming in pedestrian areas. The specific driveway design standards are provided in the City of Tempe Public Works Department Standard Details and Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Guidelines, contained in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

- **LK**. **Driveway and Private Street Construction**. The following *development* and *maintenance* standards shall apply to all driveways and *private streets*:
  - 1. Surface. Driveways, *parking* areas, aisles, and turn-arounds shall be paved with asphalt or concrete; or alternatively, a dust-proof, porous paving material (e.g. decomposed granite) may be used when approved by the Development Services Manager as part of a storm drainage retention plan. When such porous paving material is used, tire cleaning strip(s) shall be provided at each egress (i.e. to prevent any loose gravel from entering the right-of-way). Use of porous paving materials shall conform to ADA design guidelines. (Refer to Federal ADA quidelines).
  - 2. Storm Drainage Management. All *development* and redevelopment projects shall convey storm drainage from driveways in conformance with an approved storm drainage retention plan.
- M.L. Mobile Home Park, Mobile Home Subdivision, and Trailer Park Access. Mobile home parks, mobile home subdivisions, and trailer parks shall conform to the access requirements in Section 3-416.

#### Section 4-503 Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Circulation Standards.

- **A. Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to implement the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, provide transportation options and ensure that new pedestrian and bicycle facilities are designed to be attractive, safe and convenient to use, as well as ADA *accessible* and supportive of transit use.
- **B.** Pedestrian and Bicycle Accessibility. All projects that are subject to the provisions of this Code shall provide for pedestrian and bicycle *accessibility*. *Accessibility* shall be from a direct, convenient and attractive pathway system that conforms to the following standards:
  - Continuous Pathways. A pathway system shall extend through the development site and connect the street sidewalk to all primary building entrances, as generally shown in Figure 4-503B. The Development Services Manager may require the developer to connect or stub pathway(s) to adjacent streets, private property, adjacent trails, plazas, future phases of development, and open space areas (when reciprocal access easement is available or can reasonably be provided).

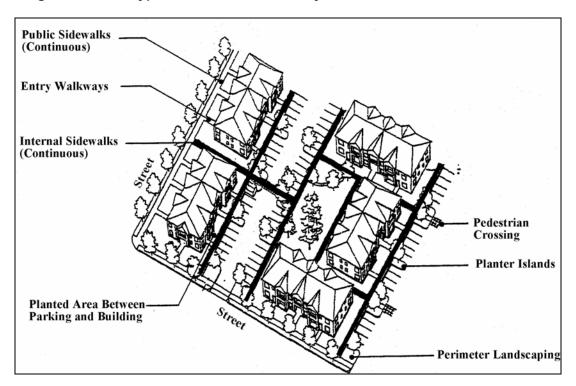


Figure 4-503B. Typical Pedestrian Pathway

- **C. Pathway Safety, Comfort, and Convenience.** All portions of a *development* shall be *accessible* by a direct, convenient, attractive, safe and comfortable system of pedestrian facilities, as follows:
  - 1. Direct: The pathway does not deviate unnecessarily from a direct route or involve a significant amount of out-of-direction travel for likely users.
  - 2. Safety and comfort: The pathway is free from hazards, has appropriate lighting levels (i.e., relative to the adjacent use and considering natural surveillance), is suitable for people in wheelchairs (e.g., traction, not bumpy, etc.) and people with visual impediments and provides a reasonably direct route of travel between destinations. The use of shade trees or shade *structures*, and light color or contrast paving materials are required along pathways that cross surface *parking lots*, in accordance with Section 4-503F.
  - 3. Access to primary building entrances and parking areas: For commercial, industrial, mixed-use, public and institutional buildings, at least one pedestrian pathway shall connect the public sidewalk to a primary entrance, and at least one pathway shall connect the primary building entrance to the street sidewalk; these may be one in the same if it is "direct". A "primary entrance" is the main public building entrance. In the case where no public entrance exists, pathway connections shall be provided to the main employee entrance. For multi-family buildings and ground-floor residential uses in mixed-use buildings, the "primary entrance" is the front door (i.e., facing the street); except that multi-family buildings or courtyard housing in which each unit does not have its own exterior entrance facing a street, the "primary entrance" may be a lobby, courtyard, plaza or breezeway which serves as a common entrance for more than one dwelling.

- 4. Pedestrian amenities: Pedestrian amenities shall be provided along sidewalks and pathways to support defensible space, crime prevention, pedestrian comfort and *accessibility*, in conformance with Section 4-705.
- 5. Accessibility: The pathway system shall comply with ADA requirements.
- D. Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Ways. Access ways (for pedestrians and bicycles) shall be provided through a site in the following situations: such pathways are identified in the city's adopted bicycle/pedestrian plans; where the *block* length exceeds the length required by Section 4-303E; where cul-de-sacs or dead-end *streets* are planned; to connect the ends of the *streets* together, to other *streets*, and/or to other *developments*, where practicable. Such access ways shall conform to the City of Tempe Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design Guidelines and comply with all of the following criteria:
  - Multi-use access ways (i.e., for pedestrians and bicyclists) may be required, as determined by the Public Works Manager, based on the likely use of the access way;
  - 2. The access way shall be lighted in conformance with Section 4-803;
  - 3. Ramps are required for slopes greater than five percent (5%);
  - 4. Landscaping within the pathway easement/right-of-way shall be required for screening, <u>maximize</u> shade, and the privacy of adjoining properties, consistent with the landscaping guidelines in Section 4-702.

#### (Clarifies intent)

- E. Design and Construction Standards for Pathways and Access Ways. At a minimum, all pathways and access ways shall conform to all of the standards in subsection 1-5, below, and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design Guidelines, contained in the Tempe Comprehensive Transportation Plan. See also Figure 4-503B.
  - 1. Vehicle Separation from Pathways and Access Ways. Where pathways and access ways are parallel and adjacent to a driveway or *street* (public or private), they shall be raised six (6) inches and curbed, or separated from the driveway/*street* by a buffer strip, with a minimum width of seven (7) feet, utilizing bollards, a *landscape* berm, or other physical barrier. If a raised path is used, the ends of the raised portions must be equipped with *accessible* curb ramps.
  - 2. Housing Separation from Pathways and Access Ways. Pedestrian pathways and access ways shall be separated a minimum of ten (10) feet from all residential living areas on the ground-floor, except at *building* and *courtyard* entrances, to provide for privacy in living areas. Separation is measured from the pathway edge to the closest *dwelling* unit. The separation area shall be *landscaped* in conformance with the provisions of Section 4-706, Screens, Walls, and Access Control Landscapes. Pathway/*building* separation is not required for commercial, industrial, public, or institutional uses, except as may be required through a land use or *development* application approval.

- 3. Private Crosswalks. Where pathways and access ways cross *parking* areas, driveways, or *private streets*, they shall be clearly marked in accordance with ADA standards.
- 4. Surface Materials. Pathway and access way surfaces shall be concrete, and have a width that is based on their function. Pavers, brick, and other ornamental paving may be used if it has a smooth finish, and textured or bumpy materials may be used as an edge treatment, provided that an *accessible* route is provided between the edge treatment. Multi-use paths (i.e., for bicycles and pedestrians) shall be concrete or asphalt. Heat dissipating colors and materials are preferred.
- 5. Accessible Routes. Pathways and access ways shall provide *accessible* routes of travel, as defined and required by ADA.
- F. Requirements for Shade on Long Access Ways and Pathways. When the primary entrance of a *building* is more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from the nearest point of a public sidewalk, and the entrance is accessed by a pathway traversing a *parking lot* with more than one hundred fifty (150) parking spaces, an overhead, shade *structure* or tree canopy is required along the pathway. Shade elements may include opaque *structures* (e.g., arbor, pergola, portico, awning, canopy, etc.) and/or shade trees planted twenty-five (25) feet on center or closer with a minimum of one (1) tree provided for every twenty-five (25) feet of lineal pathway. Tree location and spacing shall be established through the development plan review. See also Section 4-503C, Pathway Safety, Comfort, and Convenience.

(More appropriately addresses tree requirements for pathways and avoids conflicts with lighting requirements.)

# **CHAPTER 6 – PARKING**

Section 4-601 Purpose and Applicability.

Section 4-602 General Parking Standards.

Section 4-603 Parking Ratios.

Section 4-604 Shared Parking.

Section 4-605 Parking Affidavit.

Section 4-606 Parking Area Dimensions.

#### Section 4-601 Purpose and Applicability.

- **A. Purpose.** The purpose of Chapter 6 is to provide standards for vehicle and bicycle parking facilities. This chapter recognizes that each development has unique parking needs and provides a flexible approach for determining parking space requirements.
- **B.** Applicability. Conformance to the standards in Chapter 6 shall be required for all uses and *developments*, as applicable except as noted herein. Construction or modification of any *parking* area, except single-family residential *parking* areas, shall comply with plans that have been approved by the city. Single-family *parking* areas shall conform to subsection 4-602C.

(Clarification and consistent with other sections.)

# Section 4-602 General Parking Standards.

- A. Parking Required. No use shall provide less than the minimum or more than the maximum number of off-street parking spaces required under Section 4-603. The use of any property is conditional upon the unqualified continuance and availability of the parking as required by this Code. In phased PAD-projects, individual phases of the PAD-project are exempt from the maximum parking standards, provided that the PAD project does not exceed the maximum allowable parking at build-out.
- B. Parking Standards Applicable in All Zoning Districts.
  - Parking spaces shall conform to the vision clearance standards in Section 4-702G and the pedestrian and vehicle circulation standards in Sections 4-502 and 4-503;
  - Parking is allowed only on paved parking surfaces. Pavement may be concrete, asphalt, or a porous material approved by the Development Services Manager. Where decomposed granite or similar porous pavement is used, it shall conform to ADA guidelines and the parking lot entrance(s) and exit(s) shall have treads to remove loose particles from the tires of vehicles;

(Clarifies intent)

- 3. A *parking* area shall be located on the *lot* it serves, or on a *contiguous lot*. Whenever required *parking* is provided on a *contiguous lot* a parking covenant and agreement shall be filed with the Development Services Department prior to issuance of a building permit;
- 4. Parking for uses located on property zoned as multi-family residential, commercial, mixed-use or office/industrial may not be provided on any property in a single-family (R1) district. Parking for any non-residential use permitted in the single-family zoning districts may be located in any other zoning district;
- 5. A curb or bumper guard at least six (6) inches in height shall be installed so that no part of any vehicle extends into any landscaped setbacks or landscaped areas required by this Code or beyond any property line. Parking may overhang non-required landscaping by two (2) feet in which case the length of parking stall shall be reduced by two (2) feet;
- 6. A curb or bumper guard at least six (6) inches in height shall be installed so that no part of any vehicle extends into a <a href="mailto:pathwalk">pathwalk</a>way or beyond any property line. Parking may overhang <a href="mailto:pathwalk">pathwalk</a>ways by two (2) feet when <a href="mailto:pathwalk">pathwalk</a>way is a minimum six (6) feet in width. No vehicle may overhang any bikeway facility or public sidewalk;

#### (Clarification and consistent use of terms)

- 7. A *landscape* island shall be installed at the ends of each row of *parking*. Additional *landscape* islands shall be installed such that no more than 15 consecutive *parking* spaces occur. See parking facility *landscape* standards under Section 4-704;
- 8. Except as provided in subsection 4-602C1, below, *recreational vehicles* exceeding twenty-one (21) feet in length and all boats and *trailers* shall not be parked in the required front *yard* or required *street* side *yard*, except for periods of up to forty-eight (48) hours within seven (7) consecutive days for the purpose of loading, unloading and cleaning; and
- 9. All *parking* spaces shall be adequately marked, and the paved area shall be properly drained and kept free from dust or loose particles at all times.
- C. Parking Standards Applicable in Single-Family Uses and Development. In addition to the requirements of Section 4-602B above, the following standards shall be met in all single-family (R1) and agriculture (AG) zoning districts:
  - 1. Recreational vehicles, boats, and boat trailers that exceed twenty-one (21) feet in length and are parked in the required front yard or required street side yard shall be subject to a use permit;
  - 2. Parking requirements for projects in the R1-PAD district shall be established with the PAD <u>Overlay</u> approval; and
  - 3. Required *parking* spaces may be located in the required front *yard* or required *street* side *yard* subject to a *use permit*.

- **D.** Parking Standards Applicable in Zoning Districts Other Than Single-family. In addition to the requirements of Section 4-602B above, those uses allowed in all other zoning districts shall comply with the following regulations:
  - 1. Tandem *parking* may be allowed, subject to an approved *use permit* or Planned Area Development;
  - 2. Paved areas that are in a fire lane, driveway, drive-through lane or service bay and that are needed for circulation in front of loading ramps or bay doors shall not be used for *parking* or outdoor display at any time. *Parking* stalls that would *block* a *building* entrance are prohibited; and
  - 3. Parking structure designs shall minimize risk and opportunity for crime through clearly marked and accessible pedestrian routes, wayfinding, lighting, and opportunities for surveillance; and
  - 4. Parking lots for adjacent commercial uses are permitted in any multi-family district subject to a use permit.

(This section was unintentially omitted from the draft code. It exists in our current code and was intended to be carried forward.)

# Section 4-603 Parking Ratios.

The number of required off-*street* vehicle and bicycle *parking* spaces shall be calculated for each use as follows:

- **A. On-Site Parking Spaces.** The minimum *parking* ratios in Table 4-603E, below, are applied to each use on the site. Statements like "+ *office*" are intended to remind the applicant to identify and include all independent uses. *Parking* calculations shall be provided for every separate main or primary use on the site, as identified in the site and floor plans submitted for city approval.
- **B.** Accessible Parking Spaces (Americans With Disabilities Act ADA). The minimum number of accessible parking spaces shall conform to ADA requirements. Refer to Federal ADA code.
- C. Maximum Parking Spaces. Except for the RCC zoning district and all MU districts, the number of *parking* spaces provided by any *development* in surface *parking lots* shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of the minimum required spaces in Table 4-603E, except as follows:

#### (Clarification of the intent of the parking maximums)

- 1. Parking within the building footprint of a structure (e.g., rooftop parking, below-grade parking, multi-level parking structure);
- 2. When a change in use causes a lower *parking* requirement;
- 3. Parking spaces managed for shared parking;
- 4. A *use permit* is required to provide more surface *parking* than the maximum standard and additional *landscape* is required per Section 4-704 A.; and

- 5. Phased projects with a PAD do not need to comply, until the final phase is constructed.
- **D.** Parking Calculations. If the Zoning Administrator determines that an activity could function independent of the main use for the space, *lot* or *building*, then it must be included in the required *parking* calculation and must provide *parking* of its own. A separate *parking* calculation is not required for *accessory uses*. *Parking* calculations shall follow the requirements below:
  - 1. When multiple uses are proposed, the fractional *parking* requirement for each use is added together prior to rounding off. *Parking* is rounded up if the sum is equal to or greater than one-half (1/2);
  - 2. Gross <u>Net</u> floor area shall be used for square footage calculations, except where otherwise indicated;
  - 3. The following standards apply to specified and unspecified tenant spaces in industrial *buildings*:
    - a. Specified Tenant(s):
      - i. Where tenants are specified and listed by name of company, *parking* is calculated according to the uses identified in the floor plan.
    - b. Unspecified Tenant(s):
      - i. This provision is specifically used for distribution and industrial *buildings* larger than one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet. The *building* shall be divided into equal tenant spaces with no tenant space containing more than forty thousand (40,000) square feet. After dividing the individual tenant spaces into twenty percent (20%) *office* use and eighty percent (80%) *warehouse* use, the *parking* standard is one space per five hundred (1/500) square feet for the first ten thousand (10,000) square feet of the *warehouse* use, and one space per five thousand (1/5,000) square feet for the remaining *warehouse* area. The *office* portion shall be calculated at one space per three hundred (1/300) square feet of *office* floor.
      - ii. This provision is specifically used for office buildings, warehouse buildings, or combination office/warehouse buildings that do not exceed forty thousand (40,000) square feet. Parking is calculated with twenty percent (20%) office and eighty percent (80%) warehouse. The warehouse standard is one space per five hundred (1/500) square feet for the first ten thousand (10,000) square feet and one space per five thousand (1/5,000) square feet for the remaining warehouse area. The office shall be calculated at one space per three hundred (1/300) square feet. No minimum floor area is specified in this scenario.

- 4. Bicycle Parking. The bicycle *parking* ratios are indicated in the columns listed in Table 4-603 E. when required. Bicycle *parking* ratios in the "Bicycle Commute Area" apply to properties north of Southern Avenue extending north, east and west to the city limit lines.
- **E. Parking Ratio Table.** Table 4-603E provides minimum off-*street parking* requirements for uses allowed by this Code. Requirements for uses not specifically listed shall be determined by the Zoning Administrator using the similar use ruling procedure in Section 6-301. *Parking* ratios for uses in all MU zoning districts shall be established through the PAD Overlay process.

(These changes will retain the current flexibility that is in Ord. 808. The standards for these zoning districts will be established through the public hearing process for the zoning and PAD Overlay.)

Use	Vehicle Parking Minimums	Bicycle Parking Minimums	Bicycle Commute Area
Amusement park	1 per 500 sf of public area	1 per 5,000 sf	1 per 2,500 sf
Arcade	1 space per 150 sf	1 per 1,000 sf	1 per 500 sf
Auto sales & service	1 space per 300 sf; 7 spaces minimum	4 spaces	4 spaces
Bank	1 space per 300 sf	1 per 3,000 sf	1 per 1,500 sf
Bar/nightclub	1 space per 50 sf	1 per 1,000 sf	1 per 500 sf
Bed and Breakfast/guest room	1 space per BR	N/S	N/S
Billiard Establishment	1 space per 125 sf	1 space per 2,000 sf	1 space per 1,500 sf
Bearding house (This use has been deleted from the code.)	1-space per BR	N/S	N/S
Bowling alley	5 spaces per lane + bar, etc.	0.5 per lane	0.5 per lane
Call center	1 space per 150 sf	1 per 1,500 sf	1 per 750 sf
Car wash – automatic	1 space per 300 sf	4 spaces	4 spaces
Car wash – self serve	0.5 spaces per bay	N/S	N/S
Church/place of worship	1 space per 100 sf for sanctuary + school, etc.	1 per 1,500 sf	1 per 1,500 sf
Conference/assembly	1 space per 125 sf	1 per 2,000 sf	1 per 2,000 sf
Convenience store/gas	1 space per 300 sf	1 per 2,000 sf	1 per 1,000 sf
Court (tennis, racquetball, etc.)	2 per court + restaurant, etc.	0.5 per court	0.5 per count
Day care, children	1 space per 300 sf	1 per 3,000 sf	1 per 1,500 sf
Fraternity/sorority	1.5 spaces per BR	0.5 per BR	1 per BR
Furniture sales	First 10,000 sf @ 1 space per 500 sf + 1 space per 5,000 sf remaining	1per 5,000 sf	1 per 5,000 sf
Golf course/clubhouse	4 spaces per green + restaurant, pro shop, etc.	0.2 per green	0.2 per green
Golf driving range	0.5 space per tee + retail (pro shop)	1 per 10 tees	1 per 10 tees
Health club/spa	1 space per 125 sf or sum of components (courts, daycare, office, etc.), whichever is less	1 per 2,000 sf	1 per 2,000 sf
Hospital	0.5 space per bed & 1 space per doctor on staff + 0.5 space per employee	0.2 space per employee	0.2 space per employee
Hotel/motel	1 space per unit + office, etc.	1 per 20 units	1 per 20 units (Typo
Lodge/club	1 space per 125 sf	1 per 2,000 sf	1 per 2,000 sf
Manufacturing	1 space per 1,000 sf + office	1 per 10,000 sf	1 per 10,000 sf
Mini-golf	1 space per hole + arcade, etc.	0.5 per hole	0.5 per hole
Mini-warehouse	1 per 5,000 sf; includes manager's office	N/S	N/S
Mobile home/trailer	2 spaces + 0.2 guest spaces per unit	N/S	N/S
Mortuary	1 space per 125 sf	2 spaces	2 spaces

Table 4-603E: Ratios	for Off-Street Parking		
Use	Vehicle Parking Minimums	Bicycle Parking Minimums	Bicycle Commute Area
Multi-family			
Guest	0.2 space per unit	0.2 space per unit	0.2 space per unit
Studio	1 space per unit	0.5 per unit	0.75 per unit
1 Bedroom	1.5 spaces per unit	0.5 per unit	0.75 per unit
2 Bedroom	2 spaces per unit	0.5 per unit	0.75 per unit
3 Bedroom	2.5 spaces per unit	0.75 per unit	1 per unit
4 Bedroom	3 spaces per unit	0.75 per unit	1 per unit
Museum	1 space per 250 sf	1 per 4,000 sf	1 per 3,000 sf
Nursing home/elder care	0.5 space per bed	0.05 per bed	0.05 per bed
Office			
General	1 space per 300_sf	1 per 10,000 sf, 2 min	1 per 8,000 sf, 4 min
Medical	1 space per 150 sf	1 per 12,000 sf, 2 min	1 per 12,000 sf, 2 min
Restaurant			
Indoor	1 space per 75 sf	1 per 1,000 sf	1 per 500 sf
Outdoor	1 space per 150 sf, or 1 space per 4 seats/chairs if no patio wall	1 per 2,000 sf, or 1 per 50 seats/chairs if no patio wall	1 per 2,000 sf, or 1 per 50 seats/chairs if no patio wall
Retail – indoor	1 space per 300 sf	1 per 10,000 sf, 2 min	1 per 7,500 sf, 4 min
Retail – outdoor	1 space per 500 sf	1 per 5,000 sf	1 per 5,000 sf
School – elementary/junior high	1 space per 300 sf classroom + office	1 per 1,000 sf	1 per 1,000 sf
School – high school/college	1 space per 200 sf classroom + office	1 per 1,500 sf	1 per 1,500 sf
Single-family	2 spaces per unit	R1-PAD requirement shall be established with the PAD Overlay	R1-PAD requirement shall be established with the PAD Overlay
Stadium/arena	0.2 space per seat + restaurant, etc.	1 per 100 seats	1 per 100 seats
Team sports (volleyball, baseball, soccer, etc.)	9 per field or court	4 per field or court	4 per field or court
Theater	1 space per 3 seats	1 per 40 seats	1 per 30 seats
Warehouse			
Tenant Specifi <u>ed</u> e Tenant(s)	First 10,000 sf of warehouse @ 1 space per 500 sf + 1 space per 5,000 sf for remaining warehouse+ office	1 per 10,000 total sf	1 per 10,000 total sf
Without SUnspecified Tenant(s)	See Section 4-6035 D.3.b(A)(7).	Based on any office space (1 per 10,000 sf)	Based on any office space (1 per 10,000 sf)

### Section 4-604 Shared Parking.

Parking requirements for two (2) or more uses may be satisfied with shared parking. Shared parking may be approved only when the subject uses have inherent differences in parking activity patterns, the combined parking requirement will not exceed the available parking supply, and the right of joint use of a parking facility is evidenced by a contract establishing joint use. Shared parking shall be subject to review and approval by the Zoning Administrator under Section 6-312, and shall conform to the following standards:

- **A. Location.** *Parking* shall be provided on the same or a *contiguous lot. Parking* may be provided off-site with professional analysis that the proximity of the *parking* is acceptable.
  - In cases where *parking* for a project is to be provided on more than one (1) *lot*, a *parking* association shall be formed by the owners of the affected parcels prior to issuance of a building permit. Documentation of the association shall be provided to the Zoning Administrator prior to issuance of the building permit.
- **B. Shared Parking Model.** The Shared Parking Model (see Appendix F) shall be used as a basis for predicting the *parking* required for a particular mix of uses on a site, except where the Zoning Administrator has approved the use of a customized *parking* model.
- **C. Shared Parking Report.** The applicant's calculation of *shared parking* requirements shall be based on a professional *parking* analysis and management plan that is submitted with the *development plan* and/or land use proposal.
- **D.** Implementation. The owner or manager of a project approved under the *parking* demand alternative, once built, shall maintain an accurate up-to-date record of the usage of the gross-net floor area for the project, both occupied and vacant, according to type of use. The Development Services Manager may require this record be provided when the owner applies for a new land use or development approval for the subject parcel.

#### Section 4-605 Parking Affidavit.

When *shared parking* is permitted, the owner of the site on which the *shared parking* is located shall file a *parking affidavit* with the Development Services Department. The *parking affidavit* shall transfer the rights to the unqualified availability of a specific number of *parking* spaces from one property (which can no longer take credit for them) to another for the specific hours of use supported by the *parking* analysis (Section 4-604C), as long as the spaces are required by this Code.

#### Section 4-606 Parking Area Dimensions.

- A. Parking Area Dimensions. Minimum dimensions for parking spaces:
  - 1. *Motor vehicle parking* spaces shall measure eight (8) feet six (6) inches wide by eighteen (18) feet long or by sixteen (16) feet long, with not more than a two (2) foot overhang when allowed;

- 2. All parallel *motor vehicle parking* spaces shall measure eight (8) feet six (6) inches by twenty-two (22) feet;
- 3. End spaces for *motor vehicles* shall provide a three (3) foot maneuvering area. See Figure 4-606A1, below;
- 4. Parking area layout shall conform to the dimensions in Figure 4-606A2 below;
- 5. Parking areas shall conform to Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for parking spaces (dimensions, van accessible parking spaces, etc.). Parking structure vertical clearance, van accessible parking spaces, should refer to Federal ADA guidelines; and
- 6. Bicycle *parking* shall be on a two (2) feet by six (6) feet minimum concrete pad per bike, or within a garage or patio of residential use.

Figure 4-606A1: Maneuvering Areas

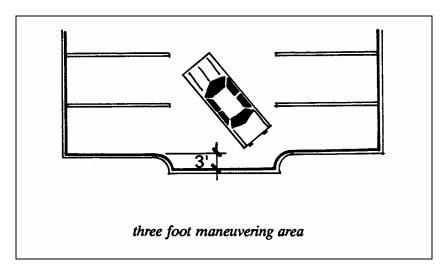


Figure 4-606A2: Parking Area Layout

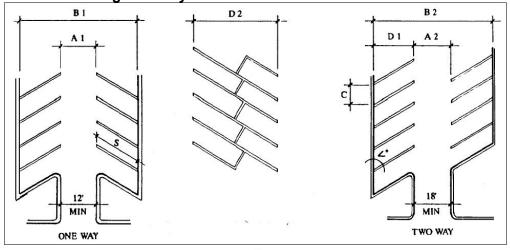


Table 4-60	6A: Parkin	g Area L	ayout						
	PARKING ANGLE < °	CURB LENGTH	STALL DEPTH		AISLE WIDTH		BAY WIDTH		077175
			SINGLE D1	DOUBLE D2	ONE WAY A1	TWO WAY A2	ONE WAY B1	TWO WAY B2	STRIPE LENGTH <u>S</u>
	90°	8'-6"	18'	36'	23'	23'	59'	59'	18'
Standard	60°	10'	20'	40'	17'	18'	57'	58'	23'
Space	45°	12'	18'-6"	37'	13'	18'	50'	55'	26'-6"
	30°	17'	16'-6"	33'	12'	18'	45'	51'	32'-8"
	0°	22'	8'-6"	17'	12'	18'	29'	35'	8'-6"

# **CHAPTER 7 – LANDSCAPE & WALLS**

Section 4-701 Purpose and Applicability.

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Section 4-705 Pedestrian Amenities.

Section 4-706 Screens, Walls and Access Control Landscapes.

## Section 4-701 Purpose and Applicability.

- A. Purpose. This chapter provides standards for the design of landscape treatments and access control landscapes, including planted materials, ground covers, landscape structures, hardscapes (e.g., plazas, courtyards, walls), screening, and access control devices such as fences and gates. Its purpose is to create functional, safe, accessible and attractive outdoor areas, as well as screen from view any and all uses that may be unattractive to public view. Landscape design standards are intended to: assist in controlling erosion, reduce dust and glare, provide shade, visually soften building masses, create defensible spaces that support crime prevention, ensure ADA accessibility and aid in screening intense activities. The design standards and referenced guidelines in this chapter are intended to be flexible and adaptable to address the context in which they are applied.
- B. Applicability. All uses and *developments* shall conform to the standards of this chapter, except as provided for uses and *developments* in the RCC district, <u>all MU districts</u> and single-family uses, as noted herein. Standards for *landscape*, walls and screening in the RCC district <u>and all MU districts</u> shall be established through the Design Review Board and City Council. Written approval by the Development Services Department is required prior to installation of any landscaping, walls, fences, or other improvements. Except as provided for under Section 4-102D (Bonding), all *landscape* and walls shall be installed prior to issuance of an occupancy permit. Any walls to be located within the public right-of-way shall require *development plan* approval and/or prior approval by the Public Works Department, and receive an encroachment permit.

(These changes will retain the current flexibility that is in Ord. 808. The standards for these zoning districts will be established through the public hearing process for the zoning and PAD Overlay.)

### Section 4-702 General Landscape Standards.

**A. Water Retention Area Landscape Standards.** All on-site water retention areas, other than paved surfaces, shall be entirely *landscaped*, and comply with the criteria below:

- 1. The retention areas shall not occupy more than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the on-site *street* frontage *landscape* area (*landscape* area does not include driveways); and
- 2. All retention areas shall maintain slopes no steeper than four to one (4:1), except as approved by the Public Works Manager.

**Cross reference** — See also Section 5-102 for additional requirements for parcels in the Rio Salado Overlay District.

- B. Low Water Use Landscape. All development, except as noted herein, shall comply with the Low Water Use/Drought Tolerant Plant List, as provided by the Arizona Department of Water Resources. With the exception Except for of residential subdivision common areas intended for active recreational useunits, individual single-family residential units, bona fide city parks of less than ten (10) acres in total area that are intended for use and enjoyment of the general public, whether or not such parks are owned by the city or by a private entity, and "turf-related facilities" as then defined by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Second active Management Plan (Phoenix), all new development shall conform to the following criteria:
  - 1. Limit on Water Intensive Landscaping. Landscape installations for new construction and whenever a new landscape plan is required to be filed for the entire site, except hotels and motels, shall limit the area of water intensive landscaping (including bodies of water, water features, and turf) to no more than twenty percent (20%) of landscapable area in excess of ten thousand (10,000) square feet. Schools, parks, cemeteries, golf courses, common areas of housing developments and public recreational facilities with water-intensive landscaping equal to or greater than ten (10) acres are exempt from this provision. New hotels and motels shall limit the area of water-intensive landscaping to no more than twenty percent (20%) of the landscapable area in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet.
  - 2. Landscape Plan and Inspection Required. For any project covered under subsection 4-702B1, above, no building permit shall be issued until the Development Services Department has approved a *landscape plan* and an *irrigation plan*. A certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until the Development Services Department has approved the installation of the *irrigation system* and *landscape* treatments, except as provided in Section 4-102D.
- C. Landscape Area. Each site to be *developed* shall be required to provide *landscape* areas equal to or exceeding the minimum amounts provided in Chapter 2, Tables 4-202B, 4-203A, 4-203B and 4-204. Where *buildings* and/or *parking* areas are set back from the *street*, all front and *street* side *yards* shall be entirely *landscaped*, except city approved pathways, driveways, *parking* areas and pedestrian amenities. In addition to the minimum on site landscaping, there shall be *landscape* in the entire area of the right of way, between *street property line* and back of *street* curb, except for approved driveways, <u>pathwalk</u>ways and bike paths.
- **D. Ground Cover.** Other than pathways, light standards, walls, fences, trees, and furnishings, *landscape* areas shall be planted with vegetative ground cover or contain other ground cover materials approved through *development plan* review.

**E. River Rocks.** Any river rock material must be embedded in concrete to a depth of two-thirds (2/3) the dimension of the rock to prevent its removal or relocation.

#### F. Trees.

- 1. Planted as Screens. Trees planted as screens shall provide an opaque or semiopaque barrier, as required through *development plan* review, and shall maintain a view corridor for *street* addressing (i.e., as viewed from curb).
- 2. Tree Specifications. All trees shall be a minimum of one and one-half (1 ½) inch caliper and shall be planted and staked in accordance with the "Standard Tree Planting Detail," as may be amended from time to time, which is on file in the office of the Development Services Department and is incorporated herein by reference. Plant sizes shall be in accordance with the Arizona Nurseryman Association Standards.
- 3. Prohibited Trees. The planting and replacement of pollen-producing olive trees (olea europaea) or mulberry trees (morus alba) is prohibited. Olive or mulberry tree varieties or cultivars that are pollenless and fruitless such as "swan hill" olive may be planted or replaced. It shall be unlawful a violation of this code to plant eucalyptus, elm, willow, cottonwood or poplar trees in any public right-of-way.

(Rewording for consistency)

# G. Clear Vision Requirements.

- 1. Street Intersections and Driveway Entrances. Except as otherwise approved in writing by the Public Works Manager, a wall, building, landscaping, or other visual obstruction exceeding two (2) feet in height (measured from street curb, see Appendices B and C for a list of recommended shrubs) shall not be placed within a "clear vision triangle". Reference the "Intersection—Corner Site Distance Sectionat Intersections" of the current addition of the AASHTO policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streetsfrom the Public Works, Transportation Divisision. There shall be an exception for a reasonable number of trees pruned high enough to permit unobstructed vision.
- 2. Pathways. Groundcovers and shrubs within six (6) feet of pathways shall not exceed two (2) feet in height at maturity. Between six (6) feet and twelve (12) feet of the edge of pathways, groundcovers and shrubs shall not exceed three (3) feet in height at maturity. See Appendix B and C for a list of recommended plants. There shall be an exception for a reasonable number of trees pruned high enough to permit unobstructed vision.

# Section 4-703 Street Frontage Landscape Standards.

**A. Street Trees.** Trees shall be planted along *street* frontages, as approved through *development plan* review. *Street* frontage *landscape* shall conform to the following standards:

- 1. Street trees are required along all street frontages, public and private; and
- 2. A minimum of one (1) tree shall be provided for every thirty (30) feet of lineal street frontage. Tree location and spacing shall be established through development plan review.
- **B.** Screen Parking Areas Along Street. Where *parking* areas are provided along a *street* frontage, a screening wall or berm shall be provided in conformance with Section 4-706E.

# Section 4-704 Parking Facility Landscape Standards.

All *parking* facilities shall conform to all of the standards below:

- **A.** Parking Lot Landscape. Parking lots shall have landscape treatments that provide shade and allow for natural surveillance. Two (2) options are provided for conformance:
  - 1. Option 1: Standard Dimensions. A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the surface area of all surface parking lots, as measured around the perimeter of all parking spaces and maneuvering areas, shall be landscaped. When a use permit is granted to exceed the parking maximum, per Section 4-603, a minimum of twelve percent (12%) of the surface area of all surface parking lots, as measured around the perimeter of all parking spaces and maneuvering areas, shall be landscaped. Such landscape treatments shall consist of an evenly distributed mix of shade trees with shrubs and/or ground cover plants. "Evenly distributed" means that the trees and other plants are distributed around the parking lot perimeter and between parking bays to provide a partial canopy. At a minimum, one (1) tree per twelve (12) parking spaces total shall be planted to create a partial tree canopy over and around the parking area. Parking areas shall contain landscape islands with trees to subdivide the parking area into rows of not more than fifteen (15) contiguous parking spaces. Landscape island spacing is flexible within the above standards.
  - 2. Option 2: Performance Standard Based on Tree Canopy. The *landscape plan* provides for an overall tree or shade canopy above surface *parking* areas that is not less than twenty percent (20%) of the *parking* area, based on the expected size of trees within five (5) years of planting. When a use permit is granted to exceed the *parking* maximum, per Section 4-603, the *landscape plan* provides for an overall tree or shade canopy above surface *parking* areas that is not less than twenty-two percent (22%) of the *parking* area, based on the expected size of trees within five (5) years of planting. Such determination shall be based on landscaping or tree planting guides for the region (e.g., Sunset Western Garden Book). Shade *structures* may be used, subject to a *development plan* review approval. This standard shall be met at 3:00 p.m. on the date of summer solstice. A *development plan* shadow study is required to verify this option. (*Typo*)

- **B.** Parking Structures. Parking structures shall have perimeter landscape, consistent with building setbacks, that is designed to provide partial screening of walls and vehicle lights, shade along sidewalks, and natural surveillance into parking structures, consistent with Section 4-706. Such landscape shall be as approved through design review.
- **C. Parking Lot Landscape Dimensions.** All *parking* areas shall conform to the following standards:
  - 1. Landscape islands as required in Section 4-602B7 shall be provided except that raised curbs are not required where parking areas drain into storm drainage retention features that are integrated into the parking area and landscape design;
  - 2. Each *landscape* island shall be not less than seven (7) feet in total width and the length, including curbing, shall be equal to the length of the abutting *parking* stall(s), to ensure adequate soil, water, and space for healthy plant growth. Each *landscape* island in the *parking* area shall be a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) square feet in area, including curbs;
  - 3. To accommodate pedestrians, *landscape* islands may be required to include minimum five (5) foot wide raised pathway with wheelchair ramps. For such situations *landscape* island widths shall be increased to a minimum twelve (12) feet;
  - 4. Each *landscape* island shall include at the time of installation a minimum of one (1) tree of with a minimum caliper of one and one-half (1 ½) inches and five (5) ground covers of one (1) gallon size for each *parking* stall length. All ground covers in *parking lot landscape* islands shall not exceed two (2) feet in height and be selected from the recommended ground cover and shrub plant list (see Appendix B), and be of a species that will not grow to interfere with natural surveillance of the *parking lot*. *Development plan* review modifications to these and other standards shall demonstrate that the alternative provides equal or superior appearance and plant health;

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- 5. All *parking* areas shall conform to the *street* vision clearance standards under Section 4-702G; and
- 6. Tree trunks shall not be placed closer than twenty (20) feet, measured horizontally, from a light source. Trees and lighting shall be located to avoid conflicts with one another and to avoid conflicts with existing and proposed structures. Development plan review modifications to this standard shall demonstrate the alternative does not reduce required lighting levels.
- **D. Screens.** Parking facilities shall be screened from view, from the public right-of-way, as provided in Section 4-706E.
- **E. Display Prohibited.** *Landscaped* areas shall not be used for *parking* of vehicles, display of merchandise or other uses detrimental to the *landscape* treatments.

#### Section 4-705 Pedestrian Amenities.

The city may require the placement of pedestrian amenities along sidewalks and pathways to support defensible space, crime prevention, pedestrian comfort and *accessibility*. Pedestrian amenities include but are not limited to: extra wide sidewalks, outdoor seating, shade *structures*/weather protection (shade trees exceeding minimum *street* tree standards, awnings, canopies or other shade *structures*), outdoor seating, bus waiting areas, plazas, *courtyards*, low-level pedestrian-scale lighting, *public art*, and similar amenities as approved by the city. See examples in Figure 4-705. The requirement to provide pedestrian amenities shall be determined through *development plan* review, based on the probable impact of the *development* and the appropriateness of the amenity to the project design. Where a pedestrian amenity is located adjacent to or within the public right-of-way, it shall conform to the City of Tempe Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design Guidelines, contained in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. An encroachment permit shall be required to place any pedestrian amenity in the public right-of-way.

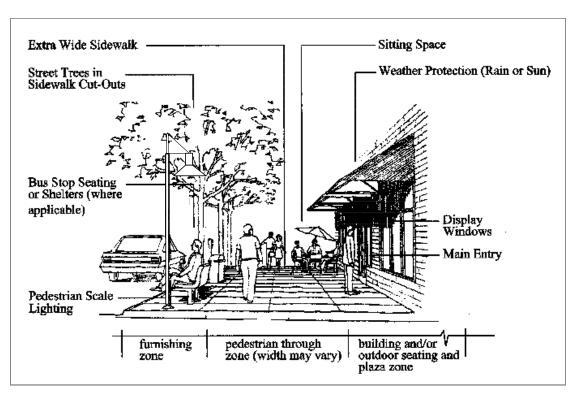


Figure 4-705. Pedestrian Amenities

#### Section 4-706 Screens, Walls and Access Control Landscapes.

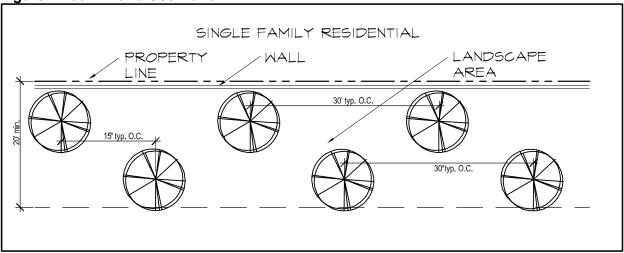
The following standards are intended to avoid or reduce impacts regarding visual, sound, privacy, and/or glare to and from land uses, and to implement the crime prevention and security standards contained in this chapter. In all locations where walls are either required by this Code, or desired by the owner of the property, the walls shall conform to all provisions of this chapter.

### A. General Fence and Wall Height Standards.

- 1. The maximum height of any freestanding wall or fence in a required front *yard setback* shall be four (4) feet, including single-family residential *yards*.
- 2. In areas behind a required front *yard setback* and within the required rear and side *yards*, the maximum height of walls shall be ten (10) feet, except where a taller wall is necessary to screen *service* areas under Section 4-706G.
- 3. The Clear Vision Requirements, Section 4-702G, shall apply to fences and walls.
- 4. All fences and walls shall be subject to city review and approval through *development plan* review, or by approval of the Development Services Manager. Any wall in excess of six (6) feet shall require a building permit.
- **B.** Reverse Frontage Walls. An eight (8) foot masonry wall shall be required along the rear of reverse frontage *lots*, including single-family.
- **C. Wall Design.** All required walls shall be located and designed based on the intended screening function, proposed use and adjoining uses, as follows:
  - 1. Walls placed between a residential district and any commercial use, industrial uses, or surface *parking lot* shall be constructed of masonry or concrete, or equal or better quality material, as approved through *development plan* review. Alternatively, an ornamental iron fence, combination iron fence with masonry pillars, or similar design with equal or better quality material may be approved.
  - 2. All masonry walls shall have an architectural texture, color and material compatible with the primary *building* on-site (or on respective sides). Walls may have ornamental decorative iron fence panels, vertical pickets with spacing that is consistent with the Uniform Building Code, as an integral part of the design of the wall;
  - 3. A living wall or see-through ornamental iron fence may be approved as a substitute for masonry if the wall is not required for visual screening of *mechanical equipment*, outdoor storage areas, or *parking* areas. See Landscape Design Guidelines in Appendix A-IV.
- **D.** Land Use Buffers. Property lines of parcels developed for multi-family, mixed-use, commercial, office, or industrial uses that are adjacent to or separated by an alley from any single-family residential district (except when land is used for city parks) or use shall provide a wall and landscape screen in conformance with the following standards:
  - 1. Screen planting areas shall be at least six (6) feet clear in width;
  - 2. Screening shall conform to the Landscape Design Guidelines in the Appendix A-IV;
  - 3. These buffer areas shall contain trees with a maximum spacing of twenty (20) feet on center;
  - 4. All walls shall be constructed of masonry or concrete material and shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet in height;

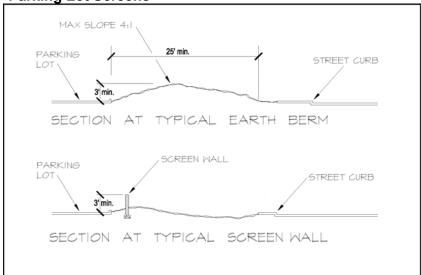
- 5. Screens and walls shall provide for natural surveillance, when required by the Development Services Manager; and
- 6. Where a commercial, office or industrial development of over fifty thousand (50,000) square feet of building area is located adjacent to a single-family residential district or use, the landscape buffer described above in this section shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet wide adjacent to that use. This buffer shall be planted with two (2) rows of trees along the interior side of the required wall. Each row is to contain trees spaced at thirty (30) feet on center and staggered by fifteen (15) feet to the adjacent row, except where an alternative design approved through development plan review would provide an equal or better effect in screening the two (2) uses. See Figure 4-706D.

Figure 4-706D. Land Use Buffer



- **E. Parking Lot Screens.** All on-site *parking* areas adjacent to *streets* shall be screened from *street* view. This standard can be met through the use of the following screening methods, which may be used individually or in combination:
  - 1. A parking lot screen wall shall be installed adjacent to the edge of the parking lot. The top of the parking lot screen wall shall be a minimum of three (3) feet above the adjacent parking lot surface. Parking lot screen walls shall be constructed of masonry or concrete, be a minimum of eight (8) inches in thickness, and incorporate offsets and relief. Open areas or portals for natural surveillance shall be provided, if required by the Development Services Manager; or
  - 2. Earth berms, if used in lieu of or in conjunction with screen walls, shall have a maximum slope of 4:1 and minimum width of twenty-five (25) feet. Berms are allowed only when there is sufficient area to create a three (3) feet tall berm. See Figure 4-706E.

Figure 4-706E. Parking Lot Screens



- **F. Outdoor Storage Areas.** All outdoor storage areas for materials, vehicles, *trailers*, equipment, trash or other similar items shall be enclosed by a masonry or concrete wall with gate to screen the view of these uses from public rights-of-way and adjoining residential, commercial and *mixed-use* districts. This wall shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet tall but not to exceed ten (10) feet tall, measured from the highest adjacent *grade* within twenty (20) feet or *street* curb, whichever is higher.
- **G. Service Areas.** All *service* bays, loading, delivery and refuse areas shall be screened from *street* view by a minimum of a six (6) foot high masonry wall. Site conditions and surrounding uses will be used to determine maximum height of walls adjacent to loading areas, *service* bays, *mechanical equipment*, etc. that are required to be screened.
- **H.** Alleys. Screening requirements along *alleys* shall be the same as for land use buffers, See Section 4-706D, except when *alley* access is allowed by *use permit* per Section 4-502E2.
- I. Mobile Home Parks, Mobile Home Subdivisions and Trailer Parks. Perimeter boundaries of all *mobile home parks*, *mobile home subdivisions* and *trailer parks* shall contain a screening and security wall that conforms to the standards in Section 3-416B, Mobile Homes Perimeter Walls.

# **CHAPTER 8 – LIGHTING**

Section 4-801 Purpose and Applicability.

Section 4-802 Photometryic Plan. (grammar change)

Section 4-803 Lighting Standards.

Section 4-804 Prohibited Lighting.

Section 4-805 Exemptions.

## Section 4-801 Purpose and Applicability.

**A. Purpose.** It is intended to ensure appropriate lighting levels that support wayfinding and crime prevention, assist people with visual impairments, allow flexibility in architectural design, minimize undesirable light and glare into adjoining properties and minimize light pollution into the nighttime sky.

(Is intended to clarify the purpose)

**B.** Applicability. This chapter applies to lighting for uses on-site (i.e., not in the public right-of-way). It does not apply to streetlights in the public right-of-way, which are governed by the City of Tempe Public Works Department Standard Details. All exterior lighting installations require the approval of the Development Services Manager prior to installation except as noted in Section 4-805. Standards for lighting in the RCC zoning district and all MU districts shall be established through the Design Review Board and City Council. Any person applying for a building, electrical or *sign* permit to install outdoor lighting fixtures shall, as a part of said application, submit evidence that the proposed work will comply with the provisions of this chapter.

(These changes will retain the current flexibility that is in Ord. 808. The standards for these zoning districts will be established through the public hearing process for the zoning and PAD Overlay.)

# Section 4-802 Photometryic Plan.

Any *building* or *development* submitted for a building permit shall contain information on the type of lighting and illumination levels proposed (*photometryic plan*). The contents of *photometryic plans* shall be as specified in Appendix E. (*Grammar change*)

# Section 4-803 Lighting Standards.

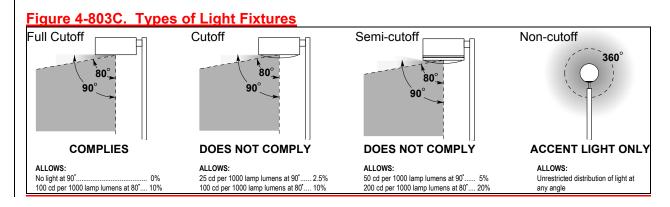
Prior to issuance of a building, electrical or *sign* permit, the Development Services Manager shall determine that the submitted plans and details for said permit are in conformance with the following standards. The stamping of the plans and the signature of the Development Services Manager or designated representative and the date of the signature shall indicate that the plans are in conformance. Should the applicant desire to substitute outdoor light fixtures or lamps to be installed on private property after a permit has been issued, the applicant shall submit all changes to the Development Services Manager for approval, with adequate information to assure compliance with this chapter.

- A. Illumination in General. Exterior lighting shall provide for appropriate and desirable nighttime illumination for all uses on and related to the site, including, but not limited to, pedestrian pathways, plazas, courtyards, building entrances, parking and driveway areas, automatic teller machines (ATMs), and other outdoor spaces commonly used at night. Lighting of exterior areas shall reduce conflicts between building design and landscape treatments, provide appropriate surveillance for crime prevention, and minimize glare or intrusive light onto adjoining properties and into the night sky.
- **B. Illumination Levels.** The maximum illumination level for *on-site lighting* is forty (40) foot-candles as measured at *grade*, based on light loss factor of sixty-eight one hundredthspercent (0.68) for metal halide lighting and seventy-two hundredthspercent (0.72) for high pressure sodium lighting. Refer to Section 4-805 Exemptions.

(Grammar change)

- **C. Mounting and Operation of Light Fixtures.** The mounting and operation of light fixtures shall be governed by the following:
  - 1. Building mounted light fixtures shall be attached only to walls and the top of the fixture shall not be higher than necessary to illuminate the area required;
  - 2. In any residential zoning district or within fifty (50) feet of any residential zoning district, freestanding light fixtures shall not exceed eighteen (18) feet in height. Within the next fifty (50) to one hundred fifty (150) feet of any residential zoning district, freestanding light fixtures shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height. In all other locations, freestanding light fixtures shall not exceed thirty (30) feet tall:
  - 3. To comply with 1 and 2, above, height shall be measured from the top of a light fixture to the adjacent *grade* at the base of the support for that light fixture;
  - 4. Controls for lights for rest rooms identified for general *public use* shall be of the style that cannot be turned off or on by users other than staff;
  - Light fixture design:
    - All luminaires used for security shall be vandal resistant that resist tampering, incorporate vandal resistant refractors (lens) and be provided with a gasket or seal that is designed to resist rain, dust and insect contamination;

- b. Outdoor light fixtures, which are <u>fully shielded full cutoff</u> to direct all light below a horizontal plane through the bottom of the fixture and have no lens which drops below the fixture may use any illumination source, up to a maximum of forty (40) foot-candles, as provided in Section 4-803B;
- c. Outdoor light fixtures, which have a lens or diffuser which is visible above the horizontal plane and constructed of white/opal glass, are considered nonshielded\_cutoff\_ and filtered and shall be limited to the light output equal to a one hundred (100) watt incandescent bulb, no greater than one thousand seven hundred (1,700) lumens;
- d. Outdoor light fixtures, which have a lens or diffuser which is visible above the horizontal plane and constructed of clear or prismatic glass, are considered non-shielded cutoff and non-filtered and shall be limited to the light output equal to a fifty (50) watt incandescent bulb no greater than six hundred (600) lumens;



- e. All conduit shall be concealed;
- f. The foot-candle level at the *property line* adjacent to a single-family district (from the proposed lighting) shall not exceed one-half (0.5) foot-candle. Lighting next to a residential use shall not spill over onto that use;
- g. Lighting fixtures used to illuminate an outdoor *advertising sign* (billboard) shall be mounted on the top of the *sign structure* and shall comply with the shielding requirements of this chapter;
- 6. Ornamental twinkling lights are permitted when part of a window display, patio, landscape or other integral part of a business, provided that they do not exceed one-half (0.5) foot-candles at the property line and do not conflict with the provisions of Section 4-803\_C\_5\_f, above, related to adjacent residential use; and
- 7. Other conditions related to lighting may be required through design review.
- **D. Specific Areas to be Illuminated.** The following areas on a *building* or *development* shall be illuminated to the minimum security lighting levels shown below:

(Changes to 1-7 below, will create a consistent method of measuring illumination. Currently it is difficult to ascertain if the light meter was held at the 6 feet height when it was read. Also, a grammar change to consistently use the term "finish grade".)

- 1. All loading areas and docks shall be illuminated from dusk to dawn, with four (4) foot-candles of light at finish *grade* to six (6) feet above finish grade;
- 2. Carport *parking structures* shall be illuminated from dusk to dawn, with three (3) foot-candles, including the adjacent *landscape* area at finish *grade* to six (6) feet above finish grade;
- Parking structures and parking garages shall be illuminated from dawn to dusk, with ten (10) foot-candles and from dusk to dawn, with four (4) foot-candles.
   Sub-level parking shall be continuously illuminated twenty-four (24) hours a day with four (4) foot-candles at finish grade to six (6) feet above finish grade.
   Transitional lighting will be required at all entry areas;
- 4. All stairwells, landings and under areas under the lower landing shall be continuously illuminated with five (5) foot-candles;
- 5. Breezeway lighting shall be illuminated from dusk to dawn, with four (4) foot-candles. Transitional lighting will be required at all entry areas to the breezeway corridor;
- 6. Exterior pedestrian pathwalkways and adjacent landscape areas within twenty (20) feet of the pathwalkway shall be illuminated from dusk to dawn, with one-half (0.5) foot-candle of light from at finish grade to six (6) feet above finish grade. Pedestrian gates shall be illuminated from dusk to dawn, with five (5) foot-candles and one-two (12) foot-candles within a twenty-fifteen (2015) foot radius;
- 7. Retention areas shall be illuminated from dusk to dawn, with one-half (0.5) foot-candle of light from at finish grade to six (6) feet above finish grade;
- 8. Cluster or gang mailboxes shall be illuminated from dusk to dawn, with five (5) foot-candles of light for a fifteen (15) foot radius of the mailboxes;
- 9. *Parking lots*, aisles and refuse areas shall be illuminated from dusk to dawn as follows:
  - a. Parking spaces for motor vehicles and bicycles shall be illuminated with two
     (2) foot-candles;

(Clarifies that illumination is necessary for both motor vehicles and bikes)

- b. Parking lot drive aisles shall be illuminated with one (1) foot-candle;
- c. Refuse areas shall be illuminated to two (2) foot-candles, with gates five (5) foot-candles;
- 10. All *building* entrances <u>and vehicular gates</u> shall be illuminated with five (5) foot-candles at the entrance and two (2) foot-candles within a fifteen (15) foot radius from the center point of the entrance; and

(Clarifies that these gates as well as building entrances require security)

11. Secondary lighting may be required to supplement the primary security lighting due to design elements and *landscape* conflicts, in order to meet the minimum lighting criteria.

# Section 4-804 Prohibited Lighting.

Except as provided under Section 4-805 Exemptions, the following types of lights are limited or prohibited, as applicable:

**A. Mercury Vapor.** The installation or use of mercury vapor fixtures is prohibited.

# Section 4-805 Exemptions.

- **A. Exemptions.** The following types of lights are exempt from the standards in Sections 4-803 and 4-804:
  - 1. Lighting used for single-family homes and *accessory buildings*, provided no measurable light spills over to adjacent property;
  - 2. Lighting specifically directed at a flag may be unshielded and unfiltered provided that the beam spread is limited to a narrow spot (approximately seven (7) degrees) and the fixture aperture is concealed by a matrix grid to limit glare;
  - 3. Lighting of baseball fields, softball fields, football fields, soccer fields, golf courses and golf driving range, and other similar sporting venues shall be exempt from the height and shielding requirements in Section 4-803C;
  - 4. Lighting of baseball fields, softball fields, football fields, soccer fields, golf courses and golf driving ranges, and other similar sporting venues, shall be allowed to exceed the maximum illumination limitation level of forty (40) footcandles until 11:00 PM. No outdoor recreational facility, public or private, shall be illuminated after 11:00 p.m. except to conclude any recreational or sporting event or other activity conducted at a ball park, outdoor amphitheater, arena, or similar facility in progress prior to 11:00 p.m.;
  - 5. Automobile dealerships in the Autoplex are allowed a maximum illumination level of eighty (80) foot-candles at display areas until 11:00 pm;
  - 6. Fossil fuel light produced directly or indirectly by the combustion of natural gas or other utility-type fossil fuels is exempt from the provisions of this section;
  - 7. City of Tempe ornamental lighting is exempt from the provisions of this section and is a permitted lighting installation;
  - 8. Glass tubes filled with neon, argon or krypton do not require shielding or filtering;

- Lighting necessary for construction or emergencies is exempt from the provisions of this chapter, provided said lighting is temporary and is discontinued immediately upon completion of the construction work or abatement of the emergency necessitating said lighting;
- 10. Searchlights require a temporary exemption approval, as provided in subsection 11;
- 11. Temporary exemptions to the requirements of this chapter may be granted by the Development Services Manager upon finding that the exemption does not violate any provision of Part 3 (Land Use) or Part 5 (Overlay Districts), and it would not pose a hardship on any adjacent property or use. Such requests shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the Development Services Department and include the following information:
  - a. Specific exemption(s) requested;
  - b. Type and use of exterior light involved;
  - c. Duration of time for requested exemption;
  - d. Type of lamp and foot-candles;
  - e. Total wattage of lamp(s);
  - f. Proposed location of exterior light; and
- 12. For *street* lighting within the public right-of-way, the Development Services Manager or Public Works Manager may approve an alternate type of lighting not otherwise provided in this chapter if he or she finds that the proposed design, material or method:
  - a. Provides approximate equivalence to the specific requirements of this article; or,
  - b. Is otherwise satisfactory and complies with the intent of this article.

# **CHAPTER 9 - SIGNS**

Section 4-901 Purpose and Applicability.

Section 4-902 General Sign Standards.

Section 4-903 Permitted Signs.

Section 4-904 Sign Permits, Fees and Procedures.

# Section 4-901 Purpose and Applicability.

- **A. Purpose.** The *sign* regulations are designed to encourage the creation of an attractive appearance throughout the city, while eliminating *signs* that may contribute to visual clutter. The regulations for *signs* have the following specific objectives:
  - 1. To reflect and support the desired character and *development* patterns of the various zoning districts;
  - 2. To allow for adequate and effective *signs* in all zoning districts while preventing *signs* from dominating the appearance of the area;
  - 3. To distinguish between *signs* that require visibility from automobiles and those that are oriented to pedestrians;
  - 4. To require design, construction, installation, and proper *maintenance* so that the public safety and traffic safety are not compromised;
  - 5. To provide standards for location, size, construction, type, and number of *signs*; and
  - 6. To provide reasonable limits on the magnitude and extent of graphic communication presented to the public.
- **B.** Applicability. The regulations in Chapter 9 are applicable to all *signs* in the city, except as noted in Section 4-902D and in the RCC district and all MU districts. Standards for business *signs* in the RCC district and all MU districts shall be established through *sign* criteria approved by the Design Review Board and City Council.

(These changes will retain the current flexibility that is in Ord. 808. The standards for these zoning districts will be established through the public hearing process for the zoning and PAD Overlay.)

**C. Non-Commercial Speech.** *Signs* authorized in this chapter are allowed to contain non-commercial copy in lieu of any other copy.

## Section 4-902 General Sign Standards.

- **A. Definitions.** For definitions related to *signs*, refer to Section 7-120, "S" Definitions.
- **B. Prohibited Signs.** Prohibited *signs* include:
  - Non-public signs in public right-of-way or on public property except portable signs in the CC district allowed by encroachment permit, lease, or other city approved method, and approved banner signs installed pursuant to the city's banner program;
  - 2. Signs mounted on a building roof;
  - 3. Signs that are mounted, attached, or painted on *trailers*, boats or vehicles when used as additional signage on or near the business premises; and similar *signs*. Business vehicles displaying signage or advertising shall be parked in an assigned *parking* space which is not immediately adjacent to a *street* frontage;
  - 4. Signs having intermittent or flashing illumination, animated or moving parts, or that emit sound except as allowed under Section 4-903N (Menu Board) and Section 4-903VU (Theater/Museumarquee, Place of Worship Marquee Sign);
  - 5. Freestanding changeable copy *signs*, except as allowed under Section 4-903N (Menu Board), Section 4-903RQ (Service Station Sign), and Section 4-903VU (Theater/Museumarquee, Place of Worship Marquee Sign);
  - 6. Banners, pennants, wind-driven spinners, steamers, balloons, flags, search lights, strobe lights, holographic projections, laser light displays, beacons, inflatable *signs*, except as otherwise provided in Section 4-903SR (Special Events Sign);
  - 7. Signs imitating official traffic control signs, or any sign or device obscuring such signs or devices;
  - 8. *Signs* mounted on, or applied to trees, utility poles, rocks, or city owned property;
  - 9. Signs placed on private property without the property owner's written approval;
  - 10. Off-premise/off-site signs, except as permitted in Sections 4-903C (Boutique Directional Sign), Section 4-903M (Lead-In Sign), Section 4-903O (Political Sign), or Section 4-903TS (Subdivision/Apartment Community Advertising Sign); and
  - 11. Business identification/advertising signs in single-family zoning districts, except that permitted home occupations may have a business identification sign per Section 4-903D7 (Building Mounted Sign).
- C. Unauthorized Signs. An unauthorized sign is one that is illegally displayed in the city right-of-way, on city property, or on private property without the property owner's consent. City staff may remove such signs. These signs may be disposed of, as per Sections 26-51 through 26-59 of the Tempe City Code, if unclaimed within thirty (30) days.

- **D. Exempt Signs.** The following *signs* are exempt from this Code:
  - 1. Traffic or other governmental *street signs*, such as railroad crossing *signs* and notices, as may be authorized by the city and do not require permits; and
  - 2. Signs of public utility companies indicating danger or that serve as an aid to public safety, or that show the location of underground facilities or public telephones and do not require permits.
- E. Ceased Non-Conforming Signs. The owner, agent, tenant or person having beneficial interest in the business, property or premises on which such sign is located shall remove ceased non-conforming signs, including freestanding support structures, within one (1) year upon cessation of such business or sale of such product, as long as the one (1) year period of non-use is attributable at least in part to the previously designated persons or entities.

(Clarifies that this section is intended to have only non-conforming signs removed after the one vear time period)

**F. Sign Height Measurement.** *Sign* height measurements are as follows:

"Freestanding Sign": Height is the distance from the top of the sign structure to the top of the curb. The height of any monument base or other structure erected to support or ornament the sign shall be measured as part of the sign height.

- **G. Sign Area Measurement.** *Sign* area measurements are as follows:
  - 1. Sign area includes the areas of all the following signs on site that pertain to any one business:
    - a. Awning Sign;
    - b. Building Mounted Sign;

c.Freestanding Identification Sign;

d.c. Freeway Sign;

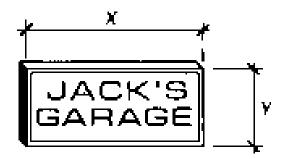
e.d. Service Station Sign, excluding freestanding sign; and

<u>f.e.</u> Theater/Museum, <u>Place of Worship</u> Marquee Sign.

(This should help ease some of the concerns that have been expressed about sign area in the past. This modification is in addition to the revisions to the maximum sign area calculation in our current ordinance. See 2 below.)

2. The maximum total area for all *signs* on the premises for any one (1) business may be equal to forty (40) square feet plus one (1) square foot of *sign* area for every lineal foot of *business frontage* beyond forty (40) lineal feet, as measured by the *business frontage*. Businesses with freeway frontage may have additional *sign* area, see Section 4-903J (Freeway Sign).

- 3. Internal businesses and brands contained within a host business are allowed exterior signage. *Sign* area utilized by the internal business/brand shall be deducted from the *sign* area allowed for the host business sign area.
- One sign face: Area of the single face only;
  - a. Sign copy mounted or painted on a background panel or area distinctively painted, textured, illuminated, or constructed as a background for the sign copy, shall be measured as the area contained within the geometric shape of the background panel or surface; and



b. Sign copy mounted as individual letters or graphics against a wall or fascia of a building or other structure that has not been painted, textured or otherwise altered to provide a distinctive background for the sign copy, shall be measured as the area enclosed by the smallest geometric shape that will enclose all sign copy.



- 5. Multiple sign faces:
  - a. Two (2) faces: If the interior angle between the two (2) faces is forty-five (45) degrees or less, the area will be the area of one face only; if the angle between the two (2) sign faces is greater than forty-five (45) degrees, the sign area will be the sum of the areas of the two (2) faces;
  - b. Three (3) or more sides: *Sign* area will be calculated as fifty percent (50%) of the sum of all faces; and
  - c. Sign area for a sign with more than one component (e.g., a service station identification/price sign combination on a monument base, mounted on the same surface) will be measured as the area of the smallest geometric shape that encompasses the components of the sign.

- 6. Free form, spherical, sculptural and other non-planar signs:
  - a. Sign area is calculated as fifty percent (50%) of the sum of the area of the four (4) vertical sides of the smallest cube that will encompass the sign.



- **H. Sign Illumination.** *Signs* may be illuminated internally or externally as provided by this Code (See also, Section 4-803 and 4-804, Lighting) and/or as specified by the applicable *sign* criteria:
  - 1. Sign face shall function as a filter for an internally *illuminated sign*;
  - 2. Sign illumination from above shall be fully shielded;
  - 3. *Sign* illumination from below shall comply with Section 4-803C5;
  - 4. *Illuminated signs* shall require a *sign* permit, comply with the provisions of the Tempe Electric Code; and
  - 5. Exposed electrical conduit or exposed raceways are allowed only with design review approval.
- **I. Sign Maintenance.** *Sign maintenance* requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Signs on a property shall be maintained by the owner or person in possession of the property on which the sign is located. Maintenance shall be such that the signage continues to conform to the conditions imposed by the sign permit;
  - 2. A damaged *sign*, including *signs* vandalized or subjected to graffiti, shall be repaired within sixty (60) days;
  - 3. Metal pole covers and *sign* cabinets shall be kept free of rust and rust stains;
  - 4. Internally *illuminated sign* cabinets or *sign* panels that have been damaged shall remain un-illuminated until repaired;

- 5. Signs that have been damaged to such extent that it may pose a hazard to passersby, as determined by the Development Services Manager, shall be repaired or removed immediately;
- 6. Maintenance of legal non-conforming signs shall be consistent with applicable Arizona law. A legal nonconforming sign that has been damaged to the extent of more than fifty percent (50%) of its reproduction value shall be removed or altered so as to conform to the provisions of Part 3, Chapter 5 Non-conforming situations; and
- 7. Failure to comply with these *sign maintenance* requirements shall constitute a violation of this Code.

#### J. Comprehensive Sign Package.

- 1. When a site is developed as a complex/<u>or</u> center, <u>or multi-tenant development</u>, a comprehensive *sign package* shall be provided for the property, and approved through design review.
- 2. For tenants of <u>a complex</u> centers and multi-tenant developments, sign permits will only be issued for signs that comply with the previously approved comprehensive sign package, or receive approval through design review.

(Provides consistent language, but doesn't change the intent or effect of this section)

#### Section 4-903 **Permitted Signs**

For permitted *signs*, see individual requirements in this section.

Table 4-903A Permitted Signs						
Sign Types	Single-Family Districts	Multi-Family Districts	Commercial, Mixed-Use and Office/Industrial Districts			
Address Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Awning Sign	N	Р	Р			
Boutique Directional Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Building Mounted Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Construction Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Directional Sign	N	Р	Р			
Directory Sign	N	Р	Р			
Flags	Р	Р	Р			
Freestanding Identification Sign	N	Р	Р			
Freeway Sign	(a)	(a)	(a)			
Future Development Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Holiday Decoration	Р	Р	Р			
Lead-In Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Menu Board	N	N	Р			
Non-Commercial Speech	Р	Р	Р			
Political Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Portable Sign	N	Н	P (CC district only)			
Sale, Lease or Rent Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Service Station Sign	N	N	Р			
Special Event Sign	N	Р	Р			
Subdivision/Apartment Community Advertising Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Subdivision Identification Sign	Р	Р	Р			
Theater/Museum <u>, Place of Worship</u> Marquee Sign	N	N	Р			
Window Sign	N	N	Р			

P = Permitted N = Not permitted (a) See Section 4-903J.

- A. Address Sign.
- B. Awning Sign.
- C. Boutique Directional Sign.
- D. Building Mounted Signs.
- E. Construction Sign.
- F. Directional Sign.
- G. Directory Sign.
- H. Flags.
- I. Freestanding Identification Sign.
- J. Freeway Sign.
- K. Future Development Sign.
- L. Holiday Decorations.
- M. Lead-in Sign.
- N. Menu Board.
- O. Political Sign.
- P.Portable Sign.
- Q.P. Sale, Lease or Rent Sign.
- R.Q. Service Station Sign.
- Special Event Sign.
- S. Subdivision/Apartment Community Advertising Sign.
- **U.T.** Subdivision Identification Sign.
- <u>V.U.</u> Theatrer/Museum, <u>Place of Worship</u> Marquee Sign.
- ₩.V. Window Signs.

- **A.** Address Sign. Address sign requirements are as follows:
  - 1. *Identification signs* and site addresses shall be visible from public access to the property. The height, quantity, size, location, color and material of address letters and numbers on *buildings*, *signs* and directories shall be as required by the Development Services Manager or through design review. Addresses shall be at least four (4) inches in height and have a color contrast with the background color of at least fifty percent (50%);
  - 2. When a *building* is internal to a multiple *building* site and a *directory sign* is provided, the address shall be visible from the internal drive or pedestrian path;
  - 3. One (1) and two (2) family dwellings shall provide four (4) inch address numbers on the front elevation, and on the front and rear elevations when abutting an alley. Developments, properties or sites with perimeter walls shall have the address number on the outside of the wall; and
  - 4. No *sign* permit is required for a site *address sign* unless it is internally illuminated.
- **B. Awning Sign.** *Awning sign* requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Sign copy including logo or trademark shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of each awning face (including valance);
  - 2. May only be displayed on the ground floor and second floor awnings;
  - 3. Illumination for awning signs is permitted subject to design review approval; and
  - 4. A *sign* permit is required.
- **C. Boutique Directional Sign.** Boutique *directional sign* requirements are as follows:
  - 1. A boutique shall have obtained a city sales tax license prior to displaying such signs;
  - 2. Shall only be displayed during business hours;
  - 3. Each boutique shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) *signs*. Prior to displaying *signs*, the operator of the boutique shall provide the city with a document that specifies the locations of where each *sign* shall be displayed. The operator shall be responsible for limiting the *signs* to those specific locations;
  - 4. Shall be portable and shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area nor three (3) feet in height;
  - 5. Shall be placed without creating a traffic hazard, as determined by city staff. Such *sign* shall not be placed in a traffic median, city right-of-way, on a public sidewalk or bicycle path; and

- 6. No *sign* permit is required.
- **D. Building Mounted Sign.** *Building mounted sign* requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Shall be mounted to the wall or fascia of the *building*;
  - 2. Shall be eighty percent (80%) or less of their horizontal or vertical backgrounds unless otherwise approved by design review;
  - 3. May be flag-mounted in the Central Commercial district, and may only be located on the ground floor and second floor of the *building*;
  - 4. Shall not exceed the height of the *building*;
  - 5. In the multi-family district, a *building mounted sign* not exceeding six (6) square feet in area is permitted. The height of such *sign* shall not exceed ten (10) feet;
  - 6. A *sign* permit is required; and
  - 7. For one (1) and two (2) *family dwellings*, an *identification sign* not exceeding one (1) square foot in area is permitted; and a *sign* permit is not required.
- **E. Construction Sign.** *Construction sign* requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Shall be displayed only on the actual construction site;
  - 2. Shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height nor thirty-two (32) square feet in area;
  - 3. Shall be removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the site; and
  - 4. No *sign* permit is required.
- **F. Directional Sign.** *Directional sign* requirements are as follows:
  - 1. May be a maximum of three (3) feet in height and two (2) square feet in area; and
  - 2. No *sign* permit is required unless such *sign* is illuminated.

- **G. Directory Sign.** *Directory sign* requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Properties occupied by three (3) or more *buildings* shall have an internally illuminated directory that shows the *street* address, layout of the complex, the location of the viewer and the unit designations within the complex. Directories shall be sufficient in number and placed in locations to insure that law enforcement and emergency personnel can easily locate a particular address or individual unit:
  - 2. Shall not exceed six (6) feet in height or twenty-four (24) square feet in area;
  - 3. Shall not include any advertising copy; and
  - 4. A *sign* permit is required.
- **H.** Flags. Flag requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Flag poles shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height. The height shall be measured from finish grade adjacent to the base of the pole or finish floor for building mounted poles. A maximum of three (3) flagpoles are allowed on a site;
  - 2. Any flag flown in conjunction with the United States or State of Arizona flag shall be flown beneath them and shall not exceed them in size;
  - 3. Flag illumination (refer to lighting Section 4-805A2); and
  - 4. A *sign* permit is not required.
- I. Freestanding Identification Sign. Freestanding identification sign requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Single use *buildings* on their own *lot* and all complexes and centers are allowed a minimum one (1) *freestanding sign* per *street* frontage, or one (1) *freestanding sign* for every three hundred (300) feet of *street* frontage, whichever is greater;
  - 2.All complex/centers/multi-tenant buildings are allowed one (1) freestanding sign per street frontage;

a.May include one (1) additional freestanding sign for every three hundred (300) feet after the initial six hundred (600) feet, measured from the intersection of the projected property lines.

- 2. Sign Area and Height.
  - a. Single use buildings on their own lot and complexes and centers less than ten (10) acres in net site area, the maximum height of the sign, including any supporting structures shall be eight (8) feet, and maximum area shall be twenty-fourthirty-two (2432) square feet and the sign may identify a maximum of four (4) tenants per sign face; and

- b. All complexes and centers ten (10) acres in *net site area* or greater, the maximum height of the *sign*, including any supporting *structures* shall be ten (10) feet, and maximum area shall be thirty-twoforty (3240) square feet and the *sign* may identify a maximum of six (6) tenants per *sign* face.
- 4.3. May identify a center or building; and a maximum of four (4) tenants;
- <u>5.4.</u> Shall have monument-type bases of masonry construction or other architectural grade material approved through design review;
- <u>6.5.</u> Address numerals shall be included on all *freestanding sign structures*, except subdivision identification signs. The numerals shall be at least <u>four six</u> (4<u>6</u>) inches in height; and
- <u>7.6.</u> A *sign* permit is required.
- **J. Freeway Sign**. Freeway *sign* requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Freestanding.
    - a. Any property or center with more than one thousand (1,000) feet of lineal frontage adjacent to a freeway right-of-way (I-10, US 60, Loop 202, Loop 101 and SR 143), may have such signs;
    - b. One (1) freestanding sign per freeway frontage;
    - c. Maximum height, including any supporting *structures*, shall be thirty-five (35) feet, and maximum *sign* area shall be one hundred twenty (120) square feet;
    - d. Sign must be located within three hundred (300) feet of freeway right-of-way;
    - e. May identify a center or building, and a maximum of four (4) tenants; and
    - f. A *sign* permit is required.
  - 2. Building Mounted.
    - a. Any building, except residential, located within three hundred (300) feet of a freeway right-of-way (I-10, US 60, Loop 202, Loop 101 and SR 143), may have such signs;
    - b. The maximum total area for *building mounted* freeway *signs* on the premises may be equal to two (2) square feet of *sign* area for every lineal foot of *building* frontage adjacent to the freeway. Allocation of the total *sign* area to individual tenants shall be determined through a comprehensive *sign package*, approved by design review; and
    - c. A sign permit is required.

- K. Future Development Sign. Future development sign requirements are as follows:
  - Shall include the name(s) of the project architect, developer and contractor; 1.
  - 2. Such signs shall be eight (8) feet in height and a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet in area;
  - 3. May be maintained for twelve (12) months and shall be removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy;
  - 4. Shall not be internally illuminated;
  - 5. Shall be located on the *development* site;
  - Only one sign shall be displayed per street frontage; and 6.
  - 7. A *sign* permit is required.
  - L. Holiday Decorations. Holiday decorations for residential uses are permitted. Holiday decorations for non-residential uses are subject to the following requirements:
    - 1. Holiday decorations may be displayed on a temporary basis for traditionally accepted civic, patriotic or religious holidays;
    - 2. Holiday decorations shall not be displayed sooner than thirty (30) days prior to the holiday to which they pertain, and shall be removed no later than fifteen (15) days following the holiday to which they pertain;
    - 3. Balloons are not considered to be holiday decorations;
    - 4. Such decorations shall not be displayed in a manner as to constitute a traffic hazard; and
    - 5. No *sign* permit is required.
- Μ. **Lead-In Sign.** *Lead-in sign* requirements are as follows:
  - Maximum height shall be three (3) feet and maximum area shall be three (3) 1. square feet; no illumination is allowed;
  - 2. A maximum of four (4) signs shall be displayed for each home for sale or rent;
  - Apartment communities, Ccomplexes, developments or subdivisions shall not 3. display more than four (4) such signs;

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Shall only be displayed when a sales/lease person is on duty at the property. 4. signs shall not be left out overnight;

- 5. Signs shall not be placed so as to create a traffic hazard as determined by the Development Services Manager. Such signs shall not be placed in a traffic median, public sidewalk, bicycle path on city property or in city right-of-way between the sidewalk and the curb; and
- 6. No *sign* permit is required.
- N. Menu Board. Menu board requirements are as follows
  - Building Mounted Menu Board.
    - a. Shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area and top of sign shall not exceed five (5) feet above finished grade immediately adjacent to the building;
       Reflects appropriate ADA standard.
    - b. May be illuminated;
    - c. The *sign* area for a menu board shall not be counted in the total aggregate *sign* area for the business in determining the allowable *sign* area for the business; and
    - d. Sign permit is required if illuminated.
  - 2. Freestanding Menu Board requirements for *drive through restaurants* are as follows:
    - a. Shall not exceed forty five (45) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height. Height and area includes accessory clip-ons;
    - b. Two *signs* per business are allowed. The *sign(s)* shall not be placed within a clear vision triangle and shall not conflict with ADA *accessibility* requirements;
    - c. The *sign* area for menu board(s) shall not be counted in the total aggregate *sign* area for the business in determining the allowable *sign* area for the business;
    - d. May be illuminated, and emit sound only as part of a transaction of business. Sound emission must comply with Tempe City Code 20-6; and
    - e. *Sign* permit is required if illuminated.
- **O. Political Sign.** *Political signs* are regulated by this chapter in terms of their location, and time allowance because of the secondary effects associated with such *signs* namely litter, traffic safety hazards, and aesthetics in general and not because of their content. Requirements are as follow:
  - 1. Shall only be located on property with the owner's permission;
  - 2. Signs shall not be located on city property, in city right-of-way, or within a required clear vision area;

- 3. Shall be removed within ten (10) days after the relevant election. At the end of the ten (10) day period, the *sign* becomes an *unauthorized sign*, as per Section 4-902C; and
- 4. No *sign* permit is required.
- P.Portable Sign. Portable sign requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Signs are prohibited in city right-of-way, except in the CC district;
  - 2. Signs are allowed in the CC district only, ground floor and second floor uses;
  - 3.Signs shall not occupy required parking areas, landscaped areas, or vehicular driveways (including fire lanes);
  - 4.May be a maximum of six (6) square feet in area and six (6) feet in height and shall not be counted in the total aggregate sign area for the business in determining the allowable sign area for the business;
  - 5. Signs requirements are as follows:
    - a. Signs limited to one (1) sign per business;
    - b.Located within three (3) feet of the building frontage;
    - c.Located within ten (10) feet of the business entry if a ground floor use;
    - d.Located within ten (10) feet of the stairway or elevator providing access to the business if not a ground floor use;
  - 6.Signs must allow for a minimum six (6) feet wide pedestrian path across the building frontage and to and from all building entrances and exits;
  - 7. Signs may be displayed only during the normal hours of operation; and
  - 8.No sign permit is required.
- Q.P. Sale, Lease or Rent Sign. Sale, lease or rent sign requirements are as follows:
  - 1. May be six (6) square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height;
  - 2. Shall only be displayed on the property for which they pertain. Only one (1) *sign* shall be displayed per *street* frontage. *Sign* shall not be counted in the total aggregate *sign* area for the business in determining the allowable *sign* area for the business:
  - Shall not be illuminated; and
  - 4. No *sign* permit is required.

<del>R.</del> Q.	Servic	Station Signs. Service station sign requirements are as follows:				
	1.	uilding Mounted Sign. Allowed per Section 4-903D.				
:	2.	Freestanding Sign.				
		One (1) freestanding sign is allowed per street frontage;				
		Shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area nor eight (8) feetight;	eet in			
		The price component may have changeable copy, which shall not extwelve (12) square feet in area;	xceed			
		The <i>sign</i> shall have a monument base of masonry construction or architectural grade material approved through design review;	other			
		Address numerals shall be included on all <i>freestanding sign structures</i> numerals shall be at least four (4) inches in height; and	. The			
		A sign permit is required.				
;	3.	ump-Topper Sign.				
		Shall not exceed three (3) feet in area and does not count towards total area for the business;	al sign			
		Such <i>signs</i> may display instruction, price, or <i>advertising copy</i> pertain any product sold on site; and	ing to			
		No sign permit is required;				
4	4.	anopy Sign.				
		Maximum two (2) signs per canopy;				
		Shall not exceed six (6) square feet per sign;				
		May be illuminated; and				
		A sign permit is required.				
<u>\$.</u> R.	Specia	Event Sign. Special event sign requirements are as follows:				
	1.	rand Opening Sign.				

- a. All businesses shall be permitted to display grand opening signs, on a one-time basis, for a maximum of thirty (30) consecutive days. Grand openings may be extended by written approval of the Development Services Manager in the event that a business is currently processing through Design Review Board for sign approval, but in no event shall the permit extension exceed sixty (60) days in duration;
- b. Grand opening permits may include banners, pennants, wind-driven spinners, streamers, balloons, flags and inflatable *signs*; and
- c. A *sign* permit is required and must be displayed visible to the public during the allowed time of the permit.
- 2. Significant Event Sign.
  - a. Limited to one (1) event per year for up to seven tenfourteen (71014) consecutive days;
  - b. May include banners, pennants, wind-driven spinners, streamers, balloons, flags and inflatable *signs*; and
  - c. A *sign* permit is required and must be displayed visible to the public during the allowed time of the permit.
- 3. Going Out of Business Sign.
  - a. All businesses shall be permitted to display *going out of business signs* on a one (1) time basis for a maximum of thirty (30) consecutive days;
  - b. The business shall cease and be discontinued at that specific location upon the disposal of the stock of goods on hand or after thirty (30) days, whichever comes first after the *going out of business signage* is first displayed;
  - c. May include banners, pennants, wind-driven spinners, streamers, balloons, flags, and inflatable *signs*; and
  - d. A *sign* permit is required and must be displayed visible to the public during the allowed time of the permit.
- 4. Permitted Special Event Sign.
  - a. Limited to banner signs;
  - b. Business(es) that displays such banners must receive a Special Events Permit or be associated with the special event producer or permittee;
  - c. Banners may not be displayed until the day(s) of the special event;
  - d. Banners must be removed the evening that the special event concludes;
  - e. Banners must include copy or graphics specific to the special event; and

### f. No sign permit is required.

- T.S. Subdivision/Apartment Community Advertising Sign. Subdivision/Apartment Community advertising requirements are as follows:
  - 1. May be maintained for the following time periods:
    - <u>Subdivision</u> advertising may be maintained for two (2) years from date of sign permit, or until all the *lots* in the *subdivision* are sold, whichever occurs first; and
    - b. Apartment community advertising may be maintained for eighteen (18)
       months from date of sign permit, or until occupancy permit is issued for
       the last building, whichever occurs first.
  - 2. May be illuminated, but shall not be located within one hundred (100) feet of any existing *structure*;
  - 3. One (1) sign shall may be displayed per street frontage (perimeter), with a maximum of two (2) such signs per recorded subdivision or apartment community;
  - 4. <u>Each sign Sshall not exceed eighty</u> (80) square feet in area nor twelve (12) feet in height;
  - 5. Any off premise *subdivision* advertising sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height and shall require a *use permit*;
  - Total maximum allowable sign area shall not exceed one hundred sixty (160) square feet per recorded *subdivision* including all on-site and off-site signs, or apartment community;
  - 7. Festive flags allowed with a maximum height of three (3) feet; and
  - 8. A sign permit is required.
- **U.T. Subdivision Identification Sign.** Subdivision identification sign requirements are as follows:
  - 1. May be used to identify a *subdivision*;
  - 2. May be wall mounted or freestanding;
  - 3. Each sign shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height, nor twenty-four (24) square feet in area;
  - 4. A twenty-four (24) square foot sign may be displayed on either side of a *street* providing direct access to the *subdivision* and serving as a major entry;
  - 5. May be illuminated per Section 4-902H; and

- 6. A sign permit is required.
- **VU.** Theater/Museum Place of Worship Marquee Sign. Theater/Musuem, Place of Worship marquee sign requirements are as follows:
  - 1. Theater/Museum. Place of Worship Marquee signs may use intermittent or scrolling illumination, or changeable copy to display civic, theatrical or performance information:
  - 2. Building Mounted.
    - a. Shall be mounted to the wall or fascia of the building;
    - b. Shall be eighty percent (80%) or less of their horizontal or vertical backgrounds unless otherwise approved by design review;
    - c. Shall not exceed the height of the building; and
    - d. A sign permit is required.
  - 3. Freestanding.
    - a. Theaters, and museums and places of worships are allowed one (1) freestanding sign per street frontage of the lot, center or complex in which the theater/museum, place of worhip is located;
    - b. Maximum height, including any supporting *structures*, shall be eight (8) feet, and maximum area shall be twenty-four (24) square feet;
    - c. Address numerals shall provided on a *freestanding sign structure*, per Section 4-903l6 (Freestanding Identification Sign); and
    - d. A sign permit is required.
- **WV**. **Window Sign.** Window sign requirements are as follows:
  - Shall be limited to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total window area in which it is placed, including all graphics and trademarks. For the purposes of this Code, doors are not considered windows and the twenty-five percent (25%) limitation is measured as the smallest rectangle to include all graphic, logos, and copy. Sign requirements may be modified or revised by the Development Services Manager when necessary for security and crime prevention;
  - 2. Shall not be placed above the ground floor of the *building* without Design Review Board approval; and
  - 3. No sign permit is required.

# Section 4-904 Sign Permits, Fees and Procedures.

#### A. Sign Permits and Fees.

- 1. A sign permit shall be required in order to erect, install, relocate, modify or change any sign within the city. "Modify", as it is used herein, shall mean any change in or to an existing sign, its face, copy, colors or supporting *structures*; except that *maintenance* of a sign shall not be considered a modification.
- 2. Failure to conform to the conditions of a sign permit, including any conditions or stipulation attached thereto by the City Council or other decision-making body, shall render such permit void.
- 3. Fees for sign permits shall be required and payable in such sums as the City Council may, from time to time, establish by resolution.
- 4. All electrical work must comply with the Tempe Electrical Code.
- **B.** Permit Procedures. Sign Permit Criteria. Sign permits are subject to review and approval by the Development Services Manager, or Design Review Board, as per Section 6-101. The following information shall be submitted to obtain a sign permit, except as may be waived or modified by the Development Services Manager:
  - 1. Two (2) drawings, prepared to scale, of the proposed signage shall be submitted to the Development Services Department and shall include all of the following information:
    - a. The address of the site for the proposed signage;
    - b. All sign dimensions, including the height of the signage and all sign area calculations;
    - c. Sign materials and colors;
    - d. A *development* plan showing the proposed locations of signage;
    - e. *Building* elevations drawn to scale and dimension showing proposed locations of signage;
    - f. Details of the light fixture or other source of sign illumination;
    - g. Details of visual screening or shielding of the light fixture;
    - h. The applicant's name, name of business, business address, and work telephone number; and
    - i. The fee as required.